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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,

You all showed a lot of flexibility and agility this past year. We started making plans to getting back to normal Lion projects and events as we got vaccinated and Covid case counts were heading down from the Delta variant, but then the Omicron variant happened

in December/January, and we had to “pivot” again. Change is a constant in life. We kept pivoting from in-person to Zoom meetings, iffy Holiday parade and vision/hearing screening. But we kept finding new ways of serving the community with more environmental outdoor projects. In basketball, pivoting means keeping one foot on the floor (being grounded) and changing direction (strategy) but keeping the basic play (ideas/mission) the same and making small changes based on player movement (experience/environment) and evolving along the way (adapting).

When I was working, as with you, we had to pivot whenever we had a new boss, new direction from our CEO, or business strategy due to the business environment. The product or service remained the same, but we had to pivot our production, budget, competition, technology, and marketing strategies.

Just recently, our club had a situation where we decided no Father's Day breakfast due to the uncertainty of the availability of the Kaiser High School cafeteria. Then, a week later Alvin and Ken go to Times for takeout breakfast, and we pivot, and our Father's Day Breakfast is on again. In about 2 months, we've already surpassed Alvin's goal of selling 1,500 tickets. Alvin, 3,000, now???

So, for HKLC, pivoting means being grounded and changing strategy but keeping our mission the same and

making small changes based on our experiences and environment and adapting.

So, as we head into President-elect Frances' year, we may have some pivoting ahead. Lion Frances is a great leader and may have some new goals and vision for the Hawaii Kai Lions Club. And, as the club did for this year's Father's Day breakfast, let's support, dedicate ourselves, work hard, and come together to help Frances have a fantastic year!

In closing, I want to Thank all of you Hawaii Kai Lions and your CISs for helping me during my term! We really did, Dream Together and Serve!!!

Lion Ells



Mahalo President Ells!



Lion Frances realizing that the year has flown by and will begin writing the President's Message in the monthly bulletin starting next month.

### Koko Head Keiki Karnival



Lions Appan and Frances lying down on the inflatable course.

*Submitted by Frances Lum*

Koko Head Elementary School held its Keiki Karnival on Friday, May 13, 2022. Despite all the superstitions about Friday the 13th, it was, in fact, a lucky day for about 350 students and their siblings. Keiki Karnival had games to play, toys to buy at very reasonable prices, food and snacks to partake, tattoos, balloon creations, and a bounce house, and an inflatable obstacle course. There was no doubt that the children were ecstatic to be out of the classroom.

The Lions' day started off with transferring popcorn from very large bags into what felt like hundreds of little bags. In the process, more than a few kernels found its way to the ground. Lion Kerry Yoon manned the popcorn booth and sold out. Lion Jeanne Alices was the cashier for a very popular balloon booth, Lion Cynthia Chun kept people hydrated by selling drinks, Lion Yolisa Ishibashi was the in-demand tattoo artist, and Lions Roger Ede, Marja Leivo, Appan Subramanian, and Frances Lum monitored the crazy busy inflatable obstacle course and bounce house. Seeing the students let loose all their young energy and have so much fun made this a rewarding (if not a bit exhausting) day.



### HI-5 Recycling at Koko Head School



Lions Cynthia and Walter sorting through bottles.

*Submitted by Frances Lum*

Glass bottles. Plastic bottles. Aluminum cans.

Non-recyclables and trash. That's what students, parents, and Hawaii Kai Lions Cynthia Chun, Yolisa Ishibashi, Walter Kuroiwa, Appan Subramanian, and Frances Lum and guest Lori Isaki sorted through on May 24, 2022 at Koko Head Elementary School. The school has two large cages for the collection of HI-5 recyclables, and periodically, the cages must be emptied and the bottles and cans must be sorted and bagged. Working fast and efficiently, the cages were quickly emptied, and the ground picked clean of broken glass.

Proceeds from the HI-5 recyclables benefit the school. If you have HI-5 bottles and cans, consider dropping them off at the school. The cages are located in the front of the school and are accessible any time of day.



### Unsung Volunteers — Lion Mino



Lion Mino presenting a certificate at Kaiser HS Awards Night.

*Submitted by Ellsworth Fujii*

There are Hawaii Kai Lion members out there who volunteer and give their time to service our community without being recognized. They do it without wanting any praise or “thank you” or publicity. But I think it’s something that our members should be made aware of.

One of these members is 90-year-old, Mino Takaesu who goes to every year to Kaiser High School to support their awards night to recognize the Junior ROTC cadets. Mino is a Korean War Military Order of Purple Heart veteran. He is pictured here with this year’s junior ROTC cadet award recipient.

Please let me know of other “behind the scenes” members who perform service unselfishly but don’t get recognition. Our members should know that there are other ways to serve the community.



HK lions talking story at the Thursday social meeting.

### Congratulations Lion Kendrick



Lion Kendrick with mom and sister.

Congratulations to our Membership Director and Bulletin Editor Kendrick Chang on his recent graduation from the University of Hawaii Law William S. Richardson School of Law. Kendrick is currently studying for the July 2022 Hawaii Bar Exam. Later this fall, Kendrick will be starting his legal career as an Associate Attorney at Watanabe Ing where he will be focusing on Energy and Public Utility Regulatory law while working on other practice areas in Commercial Litigation, Real Estate, and Business law.

### Congratulations Leo Elana



President Ells presenting Leo Scholarship to Elana Ingwers

Congratulations to recent Kaiser High School graduate Elana Ingwers on receiving the Hawaii Kai Lions Club’s Leo Scholarship. Elana is a familiar face to the club because she served as President of the Kaiser High School Leo Club and was present at multiple club projects throughout the past few years. She finished out her Leo tenure by attending the Hawaii District 50 Leo Convention at Kilauea Military Camp over Memorial Day weekend. Elana will be attending Loyola Marymount University this fall.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 6/2	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting	1 Keahole St., Kalele Kai Cabana	Club Shirt	N/A
Thursday, 6/9	6:00-8:00pm	Aloha Party	1 Keahole St., Kalele Kai Cabana	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 6/11	8:00-10:30am	Safe Sidewalks Project	Pepeekeo Street (next to Hahaione ES)	Work Shirt	Yolisa Ishibashi
Sunday, 6/19	5:00-11:30am	Father's Day Breakfast	Kaiser High School Parking Lot	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	
6/3 CIS Patty Chun 6/6 Joseph Baumgartner 6/7 Kendrick Chang 6/12 Marty Jorgenson 6/14 CIS Lyn Yee 6/20 Delwin Ching 6/21 Ellsworth Fujii		6/7/2007 Ron Goong	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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Zone Chair	Ellsworth Fujii	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Eric Kvick	Mem. Dir.	Tom Jones
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