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# Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Lions:

We have had quite a busy September! SHOUT OUT to:

- Lion ALVIN for putting our club directory together. Great job, as usual. All members should have received a soft copy via email; if you did not, please contact me.

- Lion CYNTHIA for coordinating the vision screenings with Koko Head Lions Club for Hahaione and Wilson Elementary Schools and the combined school supply drive and shred event at Koko Marina Center.
- Lion ELLSWORTH who planned a sign making gathering for the Joint (Kiwanis, Rotarians, and Lions) Food Drive. For those of you who don't know, Lion Ells is the D50 Hunger Chair.

And because there is no report in our bulletin about this ongoing project, a SHOUT OUT to:

- Lions ERIC, ALLEN, KELAN, NANCY, SILVIA, and BILL as well as non-Lions Brian and Dan for regularly checking the rescue tubes. We have tubes installed at China Walls (1 & 2), Spitting Caves, Lanai lookout, Halona Blow Hole, Rock Bridge, and the tidepools below Makapu'u Lighthouse. If you have any questions or would like to be part of this project, contact Lions Eric or Allen. Learn more about exciting developments about the agreement with the City to allow expansion of the Rescue Tube project at our October 6 meeting at Kalele Kai. A big thank you to Dan and Lions KENDRICK, ERIC, and ALLEN for all their efforts to move the agreement closer and closer to finalization

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- November 26 – Holiday Parade. Yes, it will be back! We will need as many volunteers we can muster, so please sign up to join in the fun and festivities.
- December 15 – Holiday dinner at Natsunoya Tea House after two no-party years. Get ready for a jolly good time.

### D50 ITEMS OF NOTE:

- There will be a New Projects contest. Submissions are due by November 30. The winning club gets \$25 plus bragging rights. If you have an idea for a new project, let a board member know.
- Want to get the latest D50 news? Interested in what other clubs are up to? Want to learn more about our Lions' history? Go to [hawaiilions.org](http://hawaiilions.org) to see a transformed website full of pictures, information, club bulletins, and more.

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Haha'ione Elementary School was treated to a new front office thanks to its PISA, Hawaii's Kai Lions Club, Quality Carpentry and Painting, and In Line Flooring. Lions Bill Kern and Ellsworth Fujii are seen transporting cabinets into the office. The club boasts 53 volunteers and is recruiting new members. For more info, email [hawaiikaimembership@gmail.com](mailto:hawaiikaimembership@gmail.com). PHOTO COURTESY HAWAII KAI LIONS CLUB



## Hahaione Elementary Renovation



HK Lions with Principal Goo and PTSA Co-President Greta Gallardo.

*Submitted by Ken Nishibun*

On August 2<sup>nd</sup> Hahaione Elementary School students, parents, teachers, and staff returned to their familiar school, only to be greeted by a brand-new, ultra-functional front office that was professionally done thanks to the partnership of the Hahaione PTSA, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club, Quality Carpentry and Painting, LLC, and In Line Flooring, Inc.

It was almost a year ago since the Lions and Principal Shannon Goo first discussed the possibility of replacing a worn-out, outdated, unstable, and less than optimum functioning work space. The question was how to bring this improbable dream to reality especially with soaring material costs and supply chain issues -- the answer was a partnership. The PTSA provided the bulk of the funds. The Lions Club provided the balance of the funding, manpower, and finish-carpentry expertise thru its member Eric Kvick, owner of Quality Carpentry and Painting, LLC. New laminated flooring and installation was generously donated by In Line Flooring Inc. and its President, Hawaii Kai resident Taryn Miyamoto.

The office staff, along with a handful of parents, also stepped up by spending a day adding a fresh coat of paint to the office space. Although this project ended up being more expensive and taking longer than first envisioned, the dramatic result spoke for itself.

Principal Goo was blown-away by the results; “Through this high-quality partnership, our front office received an amazing renovation. The hard-working Hawaii Kai Lions Club members created a personalized cabinet/counter/drawer system with each system handcrafted and custom-built into our unique office space. Projects such as this has taught our school that the value of service is very strong in our community and our students have great role models of compassion!”

PTSA Co-President Greta Gallardo was also overjoyed with the results, saying: “We are forever grateful for the hard work the Lion’s Club has put in to make our school office something we are now so proud of. It looks absolutely beautiful! The amount of time & energy that the Lion’s club has spent on this project goes above and beyond what I ever expected of them.... This project has been such a gift for our school and the timing of it finishing just before the school year begins is incredible!”

Lions participating in this project contributing 387 manpower hours included Silvia Ardila, Gabriel Ardila (Leo and son of Silvia), Ellsworth Fujii, Bill Kern, Eric Kimura, Eric Kvick, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, and Tom Ono.

## Koko Head Elementary Supplies



President Frances passing a volleyball to Principal Shitaoka.

*Submitted by Frances Lum*

Hawaii Kai Lions help to promote good health and fitness in Koko Head Elementary School students by supplying the school with thirty yoga mats. Petra Bergmann-Ruzioka teaches yoga to all the students, starting with the Kindergarteners. Upon receiving the mats, she exclaimed, “I love teaching yoga to our students. They are so into it. Yoga helps them not only at school, it helps them at home and in the community. Thank you to the Hawaii Kai Lions for their generous donation to purchase a classroom set of yoga mats for our school. Our students love these new mats!”

In addition to the mats, the Lions donated a variety of sports equipment – jump ropes, volleyballs, soccer balls, and 26-inch rubber exercise balls – and play doh. The play doh is being used by a very creative instructor to enhance learning Japanese.



Koko Head Elementary students at yoga class.

**Club & CIS BBQ Party**



CISs Wanda Kimura and Anthony Nakamura grilling dinner.

*Submitted by Yolisa Ishibashi*

On September 15, 2022, twenty-nine Lions and CIS participated in the joint BBQ party held at the Kalele Kai Condominiums. The event started at 6:00 p.m., with steaks, hot dogs, and barbecue beef being grilled outside of the clubhouse. Thereafter, Dr. Roger Ede said grace and everyone partaked of their grilled protein, as well as the optional side dishes provided by those who attended. After having their fill of food, Ken Nishibun led the BINGO games, with winners of each game receiving a prize. The party concluded with everyone helping to clean up the facility before leaving at 9:00 p.m.

Lions participating in this event included: Cynthia Chun, Dr. Roger Ede/CIS Donna, Sandra Gomes/CIS Randall, Ronald Goong/daughter Robin, Yolisa Ishibashi/CIS Anthony, Stanley Ito/CIS Sally, David Iwana/CIS Iris, Eric Kimura/CIS Wanda, Walter Kuroiwa, Edward Lee/CIS Sandra, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum/CIS Russell, CIS Sylvia Nakakura, Ken Nishibun/CIS Kaleen, Appan Subramanian/CIS Niru, Rick Yee/CIS Lyn, and Kerry Yoon.

Thank you to CIS Co-chair Lyn Yee for coordinating with the CIS and organizing the food list, Appan Subramanian for reserving the clubhouse, Dr. Roger Ede for saying grace and providing many of the prizes, Ken Nishibun for coordinating the BINGO games, and to everyone for attending and participating by bringing side dishes, prizes, and cleaning up. It was great to share the camaraderie and food with our fellow Lions and CIS, with everyone appearing to have a fun time.

**Koko Head Elementary Recycling**



Lions Ells, Cynthia, Frances, Silvia, and Marja.

*Submitted by Silvia Ardila*

It was interesting to arrive around 7:30 am and see how several parents and administrative staff were super active opening and removing the donated recycling materials from the cages. Some children were also very excited to be participating just before starting their school day.

Little by little people continued to arrive, more parents, volunteers from the community who approached and asked if they could help.

The cages were packed to the top, many broken bottles made us very careful not to cut ourselves, more and more plastic as well as cans produced a surprising amount of noise as they were pushed out of the cages for sorting.

It was fun to see how active each person was while picking, sorting, taking off the lids, filling the bags, moving the bags to the pile, and finally the biggest reward, seeing the cages empty and everything clean around it.

Thanks to all the Lion volunteers: Lions Cynthia Chun, Ells Fujii, Yolisa Ishibashi, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, and Silvia Ardila. Frances' daughter, Kristen also helped while visiting from California. Thanks also to the administrative staff for the Raising Canes coupons!



### Recycling Drive Sign-Making



Lions Appan, Marja, and Shasta (Koko Head)

*Submitted by Ellsworth Fujii*

On Tuesday, September 20, Shasta Yamada, Koko Head LC and Cynthia, Marja, Appan, and Ellsworth met at Appan’s condo meeting room to make signs for a Joint Food Drive project initiated by DG Gary Nip. The Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis joined forces for a food drive at the State Capitol on Friday, September 23. The joint service initiative was established in 2021 when the organizations realized that collaboration is needed since resources are scarce and that a joint global service initiative could make a far greater impact in our communities than a single act. More about the food drive will be in this coming month’s Leo Liona.

Shasta brought her Cricut, a smart cutting machine which was used to cut out letters to make food drive signs. Shasta, who previously made signs using the Cricut, taught the rest of us how it worked, and we made 6 very professional looking signs. We all enjoyed ourselves while learning and making mistakes and making fun of each other.

Shasta had so much fun that she suggested having another sign-making session and using the grills to make steaks. We will need more signs for the November 19, 2022 D50 food drive at the State Capitol. A sign-up sheet will be created when we pick a date, some time in October, for those who are interested in making signs and joining us.



### School Supplies Collection Drive



HK Lions at Koko Marina Center collecting school supplies.

*Submitted by Cynthia Chun*

Three hours were spent at Koko Marina Center, Sep 24, collecting school supplies and monetary donations, that goes to Helping Hands to provide children in need w/ school necessities. Up to two boxes of documents for shredding were also collected.

Thanks to 102.7 Da Bomb radio station for providing a tent along w/ DJ Steezy for entertaining the crowd.

Those participating were Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, Ells Fujii, Sandy Gomes, Marja Leivo, Nancy Rocheleau, Allen Umeda, CIS Lyn Yee and daughter Jonalyn.

Ells Fujii gets the “Lion of the Week” award for attending 4 projects in 4 days for designating a day w/ a group making signs for the Food Bank, sorting bottles and cans at Koko Head ES, getting donations and canned goods for the Hunger Drive, which he is chair, at the state capitol and Koko Marina’s school supply donations. He’s one busy fella!

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 10/6	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting Agenda: Quarterly Business	Kalele Kai Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 10/8	8:00-10:30am	Safe Sidewalk Project	Pepeekeo Street	Work Shirt	Yolisa Ishibashi
Thursday, 10/13	8:00-10:30am	Hearing Screening at Hahaione Elementary School	Hahaione Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Thursday, 10/13	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	Club Shirt	N/A
Friday, 10/14	9:30-11:00am	White Cane Walk	Hawaii State Capitol	Work Shirt	Jeanne Alices
Wednesday, 10/19	8:00-10:30am	Vision Screening at Kamiloiki Elementary School	Kamiloiki Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Thursday, 10/20	7:00-8:00pm	General Membership Meeting Agenda: DG Gary Nip	Kalele Kai Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Tuesday, 10/25	8:00-10:00am	Vision Screening at Kahala Elementary School	Kahala Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun

**Kalele Kai Condominium Directions For Club Meetings**

Aloha everyone!

In-person meetings will be held at 1 Keahole Place, Hawaii Kai. (Kalele Kai Condominiums). Please arrive between 6:45 PM and 7.00 PM. 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 PM 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.

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BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
10/11 Les Muramura 10/13 Marja Leivo 10/17 Frances Lum 10/20 Marissa Okada	9/28 Dr. Roger & Donna Ede	10/1/1974 Andrew Uramoto 10/1/1987 Alvin Hayashibara 10/1/1990 Martin Jorgensen 101/1992 Appan Subramanian 10/1/1995 Dr. Russell Imanaka 10/4/2005 Dr. Chip Abbadessa 10/1/2008 Cynthia Chun 10//2015 Joseph Baumgartner 10/1/2016 Dr. Kerry Yoon	Active Student Affiliate At-Large Privileged  Total	46 0 4 3 0  53

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