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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



Fellow Lions:

What a lovely 50th anniversary celebration we had on April 22! Lion Kazuaki Nakano deserves a HUGE SHOUT OUT as chair of the event. Lion Kaz started looking for venues as early as January to identify an affordable and accessible restaurant, set a menu, translated the congratulatory letter from

Nagoya Joto Lions Club, sent invitations, collected money, and juggled reservations and cancellations up until the morning of the lunch. And thank you to Lion TOM JONES for allowing us to use Gyotaku at the Niu Valley location and to Manager Lovely who accommodated us in every way. Mahalo to Lion ALVIN HAYASHIBARA for printing the programs. Also deserving of thanks are co-emcees Lions ELLSWORTH FUJII and YOLISA ISHIBASHI, whose job was made easier by script writer, Lion DAVID IWANA, to Lion YOLISA for the centerpieces, to Lion ELLS for “designing” the cake and getting the congratulatory messages from Governor Green and Mayor Blangiardi, CIS IRIS IWANA and ANTHONY NAKAMURA for helping to set up, and to Lion TOM ONO (and others) who transported equipment. Finally, a very big thank you to CIS BARBARA OHTA for the fortune cookie favors.

Speaking of our 50th anniversary, I hope you all had a chance to see the recent article in MidWeek which spread the word about all the volunteering that you do to serve our community. Keep up the good work!

Now more SHOUT OUTs to the following Lions who led projects in April:

MARJA LEIVO for setting up the meeting with Hawaii Kai Library to present the donation from Nagoya Joto Lions and Hawaii Kai Lions;

SILVIA ARDILA for coordinating the Special Olympics event at Kaiser High School; and

DAVID IWANA for rounding up volunteers for the Kaiser Complex 5th Grade Fitness Meet.

I hope to see you at our next meeting to claim a 50th anniversary pin, which was distributed at the charter celebration lunch.

Sign up for these upcoming May projects:

- May 12: Kamiloiki Elementary School May Day. Help with parking.
- May 16: Koko Head Elementary School HI-5 Sorting.
- May 18: Meeting with HPD Sgt. Jon Ishikawa.
- May 19: Koko Head Elementary School Assembly. Sight is Beautiful contest awards will be bestowed and JPOs will be recognized.

Let's make May magnificent!

Frances



Hawaii Kai Lions presenting joint donation to librarian Colleen.

### Easter Eggstravaganza



Hawaii Kai Lions checking-in participants.

*Submitted by Ellsworth Fujii*

The annual Parks & Rec Easter Eggstravaganza was held at Koko Head District Park complex on Saturday, April 1 from 8:00a to 11:00a. Lions Jeanne Alices, Silvia Ardila, Cynthia Chun, Joni Fukuji, Alvin Hayashibara, David Iwana, Eric Kimura and CIS, Wanda Kimura, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Kazuaki Nakano, Ellsworth Fujii, Leo Gabriel Argotte, potential members Kelvin and Hedy Kaneoka, Krysta Gallagher, and guest Lori Isaki assisted with registration and distribution of gift bags to each child.

This year, there were more than 450 children registered, in addition to those who came and registered that day. There were game and face-painting stations in the upper field to entertain the children before the egg hunt began. The Easter egg hunt, by age group (4), was held on the baseball field. There were 3 special eggs in each age group which was awarded an Easter basket. All participating children were given a gift bag at the end of the egg hunt. It was nice to see the excitement of children having fun again! Great job by the Hawaii Kai Lions team on helping the Parks & Rec have a successful Easter Eggstravaganza!!!

### Hahaione Elementary Fun Fair

*Submitted by Ken Nishibun (See next page for photo.)*

The first post pandemic Hahaione School Family Fun Fair on Saturday, April 1, 2023, was a very successful fun-filled day that raised important funding for the school. From 11am to 5pm, food booths and trucks, inflatable rides, crafts, games, a book fair, and free entertainment awaited all who came for this event.

Six Hawaii Kai Lions were assigned to the large book fair in the library where rows and rows of books and trinkets were available for sale. Acting as monitors, Lions provided crowd control, security, and assistance in finding specific titles.

Lions participating in this event included David Iwana, CIS Iris Iwana, Walter Kuroiwa, Ken Nishibun, Allen Umeda, and Kerry Yoon.

Principal Shannon “Cappy” Goo and PTSA President expressed their appreciation for the continued support of the Hawaii Kai Lions.

### Special Olympics



Hawaii Kai Lions in front of “Shot-Put” tent.

*Submitted by Silvia Ardila*

Over 350 athletes in different sports and categories participated on April 15th at the Special Olympics Hawaii. The Hawaii Kai Lions Club was present and volunteered at the Shot-Put event where around 32 athletes participated. The first group had 9 divisions with 25 male and female participants in the over 30 years old category. The second group had 7 athletes between 8 to 21 years old.

Mary, who was in charge of the shot put tent, was an excellent host and very well organized. The instructions were to stay with the group of athletes assigned to each Lion, and after that group finished competing, to escort them to the awards tent. Koy, Riley, Matt and Ryder (Koy’s son) ran the event and kept the participants enthusiastic.

Lions Tom, Lisa, Frances, David, Marja, Nancy, Silvia and CIS Bob (Nancy’s husband) arrived early in the morning and stayed until the event was done, six hours later.

It was a good experience to see the effort that many people made to keep the athletes involved, active, and be a part of this amazing community.

### Membership Dues Reminder

*Submitted by Jeanne Alices*

The new dues invoices have been posted on the website. As announced at our last meeting, there is a small increase in the dues this year. You can mail your check to our PO Box 25163, Honolulu, HI 96825 or bring your payment to our next meeting. Please submit payment by May 31, 2023.

- Active/Affiliate Members -\$100
- Life Members - \$54
- Due date – May 31, 2023

If there is any change in your membership status, please submit notification by letter or email to the board before June 15, 2023. [board@hawaiikailions.org](mailto:board@hawaiikailions.org)

**Kaiser Complex 5th Grade Fitness Meet**



Hawaii Kai Lions at the Kaiser Complex 5th Grade Fitness Meet.

*Submitted by David Iwana*

The Kaiser Complex 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fitness Meet for all the 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Kamiloiki, Hahaione, Aina Haina and Koko Head Elementary schools was held on April 21, 2023 in the Kaiser High School gym. A total of 270 students (14 classes) participated in this exciting event. Our Lions assisted in monitoring the activities of push-ups, Sit & Reach, Trunk Lift, Running, Body Composition, Standing Long Jump and CPR training!

The event objectives as described by the Department of Education are:

- Promote health and wellness among elementary students.
- Align fitness performance and goals to a national standardized assessment program.
- Provide an environment of health and fitness among participants.
- Inspire students to participate in physical activity.
- Create an environment of good sportsmanship and positive social interaction with all participants!

Our club’s involvement in this event accomplishes several of LCI goals! There were 7 Hawaii Kai Lions and three CIS volunteering: Lions Jeanne Alices, David Iwana, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, Roger Ede, Nancy Rocheleau and CIS’s Donna Ede, Iris Iwana and Bob Rocheleau.



Hawaii Kai Lions at Hahaione Fun Fair — Library Book Sale

**Melvin Jones Fellow 2022-2023**



Melvin Jones Fellow 2022-2023 PDG Roy Aoki

*Submitted by Ken Nishibun*

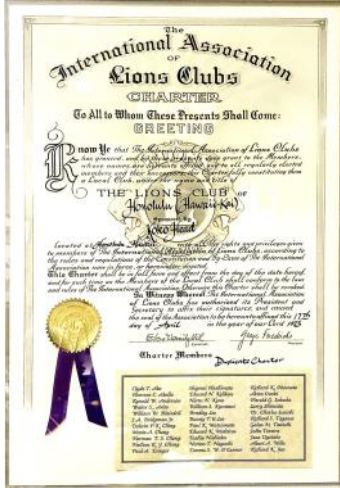
The Melvin Jones Fellow is one of the Lions Clubs International Foundation’s highest recognitions, honoring the commitment of its members to humanitarian service to those in need around the world. Some of these services include providing disaster relief, saving sight for millions of people, supporting youth and combating disability. The Hawaii Kai Lions Club is extremely proud of its history with the Foundation. We currently have 31 active Melvin Jones Fellows or Progressive Fellows which represents one of the highest percentages of any club in the State of Hawaii.

Today, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club is proud to announce that it has selected Past District Governor Lion Roy Aoki as its 2022-2023 Melvin Jones Fellow honoree; as such, the Club has donated \$1,000 to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) in his name.

Past District Governor Lion Roy met, with distinction, all of the selection criteria of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club including being an active participant in our service projects, fundraisers, and meetings for 42 years. He served as Club President in 1984-1985 and returned as Club President in 2016-2017. In the interim, he served in various District positions most notably as District Governor in 2000-2001.

Past District Governor Lion Roy will be designated as a three-time Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow by LCIF. He will receive a lapel pin with three diamonds acknowledging his continued dedication to the foundation’s humanitarian goals.

**50th Charter Anniversary Celebration and Officer Installation**



*Submitted by Frances Lum and Kaz Nakano*

Gyotaku Restaurant at Niu Valley, adorned with vases filled with cheerful flowers and “Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary” signs courtesy of Lion Yolisa Ishibashi and fortune cookies donated by CIS Barbara Ohta, served as the venue for Hawaii Kai Lions 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration on April 22, 2023. Prior to the official start of the event, Lions, CISs, and guests mingled and visited with each other as old friends do.

Joining in the festivities were two of our charter members, Lion Rick Yee and Lion Bunny Lee along with honored guests DG Gary Nip and CIS Joyce Nip. The formal program was kicked off by co-emcees Lions Ellsworth Fujii and Yolisa, with Lion Bunny leading us in song, Lion David Iwana with the Flag pledge, Lion Stanley Ito with the Lion pledge, and Lion Roger Ede with the invocation. Lion Bunny regaled the 55 Lions, CISs, and guests with a short history of our club. Everyone enjoyed the delicious bento and for dessert, ice cream and cake which was ceremoniously cut by Lions Bunny and Rick. Everyone also had cookies, baked by CIS Joyce, to take home to enjoy later.

The Club was honored to receive congratulatory messages from Governor Josh Green, Mayor Rick Blangiardi, and Nagoya Joto Lions Club. Nagoya Joto Lions also sent a gift of \$500 in recognition of our anniversary. DG Gary gave a rousing speech and handed out Maika’i coins to Lions PDG Roy Aoki, Roger Ede, and Frances Lum. Leo President Danielle Molina-Pherigo shared her thoughts about how rewarding it is to do community service as a Leo. Lion Frances refused to say aloha in her outgoing president’s message since she has two more months left in her term, but did present the Lion of the Year award to Lion Ells. Lion Frances also gave 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pins to everyone who wanted one along with 1993 Pancake Breakfast POGs that CIS Lyn Yee kept for 20 years. (If you want a pin, please contact Lion Frances.) Lion Sandy Gomes then recognized Lion PDG Roy as this year’s Melvin Jones Fellow. \$1,000 will be donated to LCIF in his name.

The incoming officers who were present, Lions Yolisa (President), Ells (First VP), Kendrick Chang (Second VP and Marketing Communication Chair), Silvia Ardila (Third VP), Cynthia Chun (Secretary), Jeanne Alices (Treasurer), Marja Leivo (Tail Twister), Tom Ono (Lion Tamer), Allen Umeda (Membership Chair), Frances (Program Coordinator), and Alvin Hayashibara (Service Chair), were installed by DG Gary. Ever clever, DG Gary came up with commercials appropriate to the position. For example, for incoming president: Enjoy the go because your year will be over before you know it (inspired by Charmin); to the vice-presidents: from Depends, we got you covered; and to the tail twister: from Capitol One, what’s in your wallet?

Incoming President Lion Yolisa explained that she said yes to being president because of all the good people in the club and gave away the centerpieces to the Lion at the table who has been a Lion the longest. The event was wrapped up with everyone holding hands and singing Hawaii Aloha, accompanied by Lion David on ukulele. The celebration was filled with fun and fellowship, thanks to the Charter celebration chair Lions Kazuaki Nakano, and committee members Appan Subramanian, Alvin, David, Ells, and Yolisa!

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Tuesday, 5/9	3:15-6:00pm	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales — Kaiser Farmer's Market	Kaiser High School	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Thursday, 5/11	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	Club Shirt	N/A
Friday, 5/12	7:00-9:45am	Kamiloiki Elementary School May Day Parking Assistance	Kamiloiki Elementary School	Work Shirt	Lisa Ishibashi
Saturday, 5/13	8:00am-12:00pm	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales — Hawaii Kai Long's	Hawaii Kai Long's	Work Shirt	David Iwana
Tuesday, 5/16	7:30-10:00am	Koko Head Elementary School HI-5 Recycling Sorting	Koko Head Elementary School	Work Shirt	Frances Lum
Tuesday, 5/16	3:15-6:00pm	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales — Kaiser Farmer's Market	Kaiser High School	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Thursday, 5/18	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Sgt. Jon Ishikawa from HPD's Traffic Division	Kalele Kai Condominium	Club Shirt	N/A
Friday, 5/19	8:30-10:00am	Koko Head Elementary School Awards Assembly	Koko Head Elementary School Cafeteria	Work Shirt	Frances Lum
Friday, 5/19	7:30-9:30pm	Kaiser High School Project Graduation Check-In	Kaiser High School Cafeteria	Work Shirt	David Iwana
Saturday, 5/20	8:00am-12:00pm	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales — Hawaii Kai Long's	Hawaii Kai Long's	Work Shirt	David Iwana
Sunday, 5/21	8:00am-11:30am	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales Canvassing	Koko Marina Zippy's	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Tuesday, 5/23	3:15-6:00pm	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales — Kaiser Farmer's Market	Kaiser High School	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Saturday, 5/27	8:00am-12:00pm	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales — Hawaii Kai Long's	Hawaii Kai Long's	Work Shirt	David Iwana
Sunday, 5/28	8:00am-11:30am	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Sales Canvassing	Koko Marina Zippy's	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun

**Kalele Kai Condominium Directions For Club Meetings**

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.

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
5/14 CIS Donna Ede 5/14 Allen Umeda 5/19 Jeanne Alices 5/29 Dr. Roger Ede		5/1/1962 Chong Fook Leu 5/1/1973 Delwin Ching 5/1/1973 Rick Yee 5/1/1981 PDG Roy Aoki 5/3/2012 Jeanne Alices 5/16/2019 Kelan Yoshioka	Active	47
			Student	0
			Affiliate	4
			At-Large	3
			Privileged	0
			Total	54

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2022-2023			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President	Frances Lum	Secretary	Cynthia Chun
Intl President	Brian Sheehan	IPP	Ellsworth Fujii	Tail Twister	Patrick Lynch
District Governor	Gary Nip	1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Ellsworth Fujii	Directors	David Iwana
1 <sup>st</sup> VD Governor	CJ Kalopodes	2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Silvia Ardila		Tom Jones
2 <sup>nd</sup> VD Governor	Dr. Lori Yamashita	3 <sup>rd</sup> VP	Yolisa Ishibashi	Mem. Dir.	Kendrick S. Chang
Zone Chair	Richard Kaneko	Treasurer	Jeanne Alices	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
Region 5 Zone 2		Lion Tamer	Tom Ono	Service Chair	Alvin Hayashibara
Zone II	David Iwana				
HLF Trustee					