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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:

When I started writing this column, I said I may not write every month. But it turns out that I did because I was gently nudged to do and there was always someone to thank for the work that they did in keeping our club alive and active. This month is no different.

First, a SHOUT OUT to our LION project chairs and others who have worked extra hard:

YOLISA ISHIBASHI for organizing another successful Safe Sidewalks project on Wailua Street and for getting Lions out to help with parking for Kamiloiki Elementary School's May Day Program.

SILVIA ARDILA for taking care of the HI-5 recycling sorting at Koko Head Elementary School.

Although Father's Day Breakfast is not over yet, a SHOUT OUT to: KEN NISHIBUN for mapping out canvassing routes every Sunday since mid-April (he is a master at this); to ERIC KVICK for bringing and setting up the tent for the Kaiser Farmer's Market and to SILVIA for her balloon making; and to DAVID IWANA for organizing and manning the station at Longs each Saturday. And finally, to ALVIN HAYASHIBARA who has been doing a lot of planning and coordinating and worrying about the details of the breakfast. I have confidence that it will again be a success.

I would be remiss in not acknowledging all the officers and board members who provided guidance in my journey this past year. Thank you to each one of you. In addition, a big Mahalo to Lion APPAN SUBRAMANIAN for being so

gracious and allowing us to use the cabana as our temporary clubhouse this past year; to CYNTHIA CHUN for always bringing a snack (or more) for us, as well as everyone else who contributed a goodie to our meetings; to ALVIN for all our printing needs: directory, all the certificates (for example, JPOs, Sight is Beautiful), and more; to JEANNE ALICES for making many trips to my house to get checks signed, and to the VPs, ELLSWORTH FUJII, YOLISA, and SILVIA ARDILA for stepping in and up when I needed you. You've been fabulous, and I am grateful! Oh yes, thank you also to CIS LYN YEE for keeping the CISs involved and informed, and to CIS JACKIE HAYASHIBARA for volunteering to meet our lei needs.

THANK YOU EVERYONE for being supportive, coming out to projects, and helping to make this a memorable year. I appreciate you all. It has been my pleasure and honor to be your president. And it is also my pleasure to relinquish this office to incoming President Yolisa. I know you will give her as much (or more) help to make this, our 50th year, a spectacular one.

Jubilant June is here!

Frances



Mahalo President Frances for your leadership!

87th Annual District 50 Convention



Hawaii Kai Lions Delegates at 87th District 50 Convention.

Submitted by David Iwana

On April 27-29, 2023, the best District Convention in years was held at the Ala Moana Hotel, under the guidance of District Governor Gary Nip! Lions from around the island gathered, as well as the Multi-District 4 District Governor John Hui from California and the International Director Allen Snider from Canada. The Lions enjoyed everything from a golf tournament, Flag Ceremony, a traffic awareness sign waving service project, to the Greatest showman Carnival Fun Night!

In addition, there was the general session when the elections were held for the officers. District 50's leadership team for 2023-2024 will be:

- District Governor Elect CJ Kalopodes, Kaneohe Lions
- 1st Vice District Governor Elect Lori Inouye-Yamashita, Manoa Lions
- 2nd Vice District Governor Elect Sean Benito, Hilo Crescent City Lions

Presented at the Awards Luncheon, the Hawaii Kai Lions received the following recognitions:

1. District Environmental Award
2. District Vision Award
3. District Recognition for the Outstanding Club Bulletin
4. District 'Ohia Lehua Award to Companion in Service Lyn Yee
5. LCI International President's Certificate of Appreciation to Lion David Iwana
6. LCI International President's Certificate of Recognition to Lion Ellsworth Fujii

The Club had 5 delegates attending: Lions Kendrick Chang, Cynthia Chun, Ellsworth Fujii, David Iwana and Frances Lum. Also present for the DG Banquet were CIS Iris Iwana and Lyn Yee, and the Yee's daughter, Jonalyn. We should be proud of the participation and achievements of our Hawaii Kai Lions! As District Governor Gary Nip says, "IMUA" Lions!

Safe Sidewalks Project Phase 2



Hawaii Kai Lions at Safe Sidewalk Project.

Submitted by Lisa Ishibashi

On May 6, 2023, four Hawaii Kai Lions, two CIS, one soon-to-be Lion, and the District 50 Safe Sidewalks Chair braved the strong winds on Wailua Street to patch the numerous sidewalk cracks. This was a continuation from our January sidewalk repairs on Wailua Street, which is a major thoroughfare between Hawaii Kai Drive and Lunalilo Home Road and where many Kaiser High School students walk to and from school, as well as the hundreds of other pedestrians using these sidewalks. Scott Goto, from the City's Division of Road Maintenance's Malama O Ka Aina (MOKA) community volunteer program, was present and demonstrated how to mix and apply the concrete-like material (Polyfast) to the cracks. Two teams of four were formed, with each on opposite sides of the street, working from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., with a total of 40 sites/sidewalk cracks being patched.

Lions participating in this event included Kendrick Chang, Cynthia Chun, Joni Fukuji, CIS Herbert Fukuji, Yolisa Ishibashi, CIS Anthony Nakamura, soon-to-be Lion Kelvin Kaneoka, and District 50 Safe Sidewalks Chair Jerry Nagatani.

Scott also brought up using the Honolulu 311 App (downloaded onto your cellphone, using the App Store), which may be used for reporting non-emergency issues to the City & County; such as sidewalk cracks, graffiti, potholes, etc. Thank you to those Lions, CISs, and soon-to-be Lion who showed up for this ongoing project. It was great to see everyone working together to get the job done.

Kamiloiki School May Day Parking



Hawaii Kai Lions guiding cars for May Day performance.

Submitted by Lisa Ishibashi

On May 12, 2023, six Lions and three CISs assisted Kamiloiki Elementary School by directing cars onto Kamiloiki Community Park’s field behind the school for their May Day Program. At 7:00 a.m., the group met with Principal Jason Yoshimoto for parking instructions and thereafter guided over 100 cars into the parking area. After 8:30, volunteers were welcomed to partake in refreshments in the library, as well as stay and watch the excellent May Day Program.

Lions who participated include Ellsworth Fujii, Yolisa Ishibashi, CIS Anthony Nakamura, David Iwana, CIS Iris Iwana, Bill Kern, Eric Kimura, Ken Nishibun, and CIS Lyn Yee.

In support of our community’s elementary schools, the Hawaii Kai Lions consistently volunteer to assist in any way possible. Thank you to those Lions and CISs who volunteered for this event. It would not have been possible without the nine of you there so early in the morning.

The Day After Memorial Day

Submitted by Frances Lum

I’ve never been to the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (we all call it Punchbowl) on Memorial Day, but knew about the tradition of placing lei and flags at each gravesite. This year, I visited it the day after Memorial Day to help remove the flags. I was overcome with emotion as I drove into the grounds toward the memorial, seeing the tens of thousands of flags rippling with the gentle breeze. The poem, *In Flanders Field*, came to mind even though I wasn’t seeing poppies. Workers, scouts, and other volunteers, including two Lions, PDG Garrett Ogawa and Adriel Lam, walked row upon row to remove the flags that the scouts planted just two days before. If the opportunity arises next year, please consider helping; you won’t regret it.

Koko Head Recycling Sorting



Lions Silvia, Ells, and Cynthia sorting through cans and bottles.

Submitted by Silvia Ardila

Once again Lions members say “yes” when requested to assist with recycling at Koko Elementary School. As with previous recycling days, the Lions arrived very early and began to work with school personnel, the PTSA and some members of the community. The sound of bottles, cans colliding with each other, was a sign that the cage is going to be empty soon!

Cynthia is quite an expert; she brings a small stool where she sits to take off the plastic and glass bottle caps, as well as separating cans to one side, bottles to another, glass in another place and throwing everything that is not HI-5 into one side.

Ells and Silvia decided to work as a team from time to time, filling bags depending on the demand. If there is a lot of plastic, they fill a bag to the top and then start with the glass bottles. Lisa participates with all her energy collecting and sorting, as well as using the rake to get the recycling out of the cage. Each full bag is a sign that there is less recyclables to classify.

Finally, after physically demanding tasks and with sore backs, we are all happy to see that the cage is empty and clean (until it fills up again!). The Koko Elementary School staff are always very grateful for our collaboration, since each person is key to finishing as soon as possible.

Thanks to all the Lion volunteers: Lions Cynthia Chun, Ells Fujii, Yolisa Ishibashi, and Silvia Ardila.

Kaiser High School Graduation

Submitted by David Iwana

Congratulations to the Class of 2023 graduates of Kaiser High School! On May 19, 2023, graduating seniors received their diplomas presented by Principal Justin Mew, with family and friends in attendance at the KHS field. Of the 296 graduating class, 59 were Valedictorians, 111 Honor Graduates, and 41 International Baccalaureate Candidates.

Of special note, Troy Nishibun (grandson of our Lion Ken Nishibun and CIS Kaleen) graduated with Summa Cum Laude Diploma recognition, one of only 94 recipients that achieved a 3.8+ GPA! Congratulations, Troy! Lion David Iwana represented President Frances Lum and the Hawaii Kai Lions, as an invited guest and was honored to attend the ceremony. It was great to witness the graduate’s enthusiasm during the festive ceremony and observing our future community leaders!

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 6/1	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Breakfast Planning	Kalele Kai Condominium	Club Shirt	N/A
Thursday, 6/8	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 6/10	12:30-5:30pm	Special Olympics (sign-up for shifts on website)	Kaiser High School	Work Shirt	Frances Lum
Thursday, 6/15	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Aloha Party (sign-up for potluck on website)	Kalele Kai Condominium	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 6/17	9:00am-1:00pm	District 50 Lions In The Park	Ala Moana Beach Park	Work Shirt	N/A
Sunday, 6/18	5:00-10:30am	Father's Day Breakfast	Kaiser High School	Work Shirt	Alvin Hayashibara

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	
6/2 Bill Kern 6/3 CIS Patty Chun 6/6 Joseph Baumgartner 6/7 Kendrick Chang 6/12 Marty Jorgenson 6/14 CIS Lyn Yee 6/19 Tom Haia 6/20 Delwin Ching 6/20 John Kratochvil 6/21 Ells Fujii		6/1/2007 Les Muramaru	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 IPP	Frances Lum	Secretary Tail Twister	Cynthia Chun
Intl President	Brian Sheehan	1 st VP	Ellsworth Fujii	Directors	Patrick Lynch
District Governor	Gary Nip	2 nd VP	Ellsworth Fujii		David Iwana
1 st VD Governor	CJ Kalopodes	3 rd VP	Silvia Ardila		Tom Jones
2 nd VD Governor	Dr. Lori Yamashita	Treasurer	Yolisa Ishibashi	Mem. Dir.	Kendrick S. Chang
Zone Chair	Richard Kaneko	Lion Tamer	Jeanne Alices	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
Region 5 Zone 2			Tom Ono	Service Chair	Alvin Hayashibara
Zone II	David Iwana				
HLF Trustee					