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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



Hi all,

I hope everyone enjoyed being back in our “home” at Lunalilo Home’s clubhouse for our meetings starting in July. It was great seeing our pre-2020 (before covid) members know exactly how to set up the room and those who were post-2020 (me included) following their lead.

During our first meeting back, 2nd Vice District Governor Sean Benito inducted three of our new members: Kelvin Kaneoka, Sarah Overmeyer, and Trevor Yee (wasn’t able to attend). As part of my goals for this year, I’d like to see an increase in our membership and right now we’re up three, so that’s a good sign. Also during this meeting, our Kaiser High School’s Leo Club was given an award for 2nd place in the small club (less than 50 members) division from Lion Winston Watarai, from Mililani’s Lions Club and also the D50’s Leo Club’s advisor.

Also in July, much thanks goes to Bill Kern for organizing the July 8, Keawawa Wetland Volunteer Workday, and to those who volunteered with him: Kendrick Chang, Cynthia Chun, and Frances Lum. Removing and bagging the weeds around our native plants is hard work, but so rewarding for our environment.

A shoutout goes to Frances Lum for submitting an article to Bob Sigall’s Rearview Mirror in the Star Advertiser for our 50th Anniversary. In his June 30 column, he had asked if there were any Hawaii organizations who may have a significant milestone this year, to send him the information. Hopefully it’ll be published sometime soon. Speaking of publishing, there was a East Oahu Voice/MidWeek article on July 5, about our Father’s Day

Breakfast being “A Roaring Success for Lions”. Kudos to everyone for working so hard for and at that event.

And lastly, on July 21, Frances and I were fortunate to participate in a TV taping of “Maunaloa, Past, Present & Future” at the Olelo Studios in Kaimuki High School. We had up to 27 minutes to talk about the Hawaii Kai Lions Club. With the cameras rolling, bright lights shining, and microphones picking up on our every word, we talked about our major projects, supporting our local schools, environmental projects, and much more. We also brought up how to join our club, so hopefully we’ll be able to recruit more members when this episode airs sometime this year.

That’s it for now, and looking forward to August, when we are jam packed with several interesting projects which members can sign up for on our website.

Going Green — Ewa

Lisa Ishibashi



Submitted by Frances Lum

Ewa Hongwanji was the site of a Going Green e-waste recycling event on July 15, 2023. At the last minute, I was asked if I could go to help. A total of four Lions participated. The others were from Koko Head (Gavin Hall), Palolo (Jaci Yokogawa), and Wahiawa (Rene Mansho, who organized the event). While it was not particularly busy, we unloaded enough electronic waste to fill two pallets, and collected about a half dozen fancy prom dresses, a some car batteries, cassette tapes, and towels for the animal shelter. As a little personal bonus, I learned a bit of history about the temple, and left with a very heavy bento!

Keawawa Wetland Second Saturday



Group photo of Keawawa Wetland Second Saturday volunteers.

Submitted by Bill Kern

Keawawa Wetland conducted one of its regular Second Saturday volunteer workdays on the morning of July 8, 2023. The day started with the staff briefly explaining the wetland and its role in helping to grow the population of the endangered 'alae'ula, Hawaiian waterbird, and providing instructions on the work activities. It was a beautiful day, with a welcoming cloud cover and a gentle breeze.

Activities focused on removing weeds around desired native plants along the hillside and bagging them for disposal.

During a break in the work, one of the kupuna of the staff provided an oral history of how the five-acre site was saved from development (through a partnered effort with Trust for Public Land), and gradually worked from the kiawe and other overgrown brush into the restored heiau, including ancient coconut grove, natural spring-fed well, and agricultural terraces.

In addition to Hawaii Kai Lions Club volunteers Frances Lum, Cynthia Chun, Kendrick Chang, and Bill Kern, around ten (mostly regular) volunteers from the community joined the event.



Olelo Maunaloa Show Episode



President Lisa Ishibashi and Frances Lum at Olelo Studio.

Submitted by Lisa Ishibashi

On July 21, 2023, President Yolisa Ishibashi and Immediate Past President Frances Lum participated in taping an episode for the local Olelo TV station on the Kaimuki High School campus. The Hawaii Kai Lions Club was front and center, with them providing information on the background of the club and discussing the numerous projects which were undertaken in the past. These projects included the major projects of the Father's Day Breakfast, Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade, and Rescue Tubes; as well as school projects, which included vision and hearing screenings, Koko Head Elementary School's HI-5 recycling, Hahaione Elementary School's office remodeling, and Kaiser High School's concession stand refurbishment. Also included were the environmental projects of storm drain marking and the Safe Sidewalks project.

Lions participating in this event included Yolisa Ishibashi and Frances Lum.

The Hawaii Kai Lions Club wishes to thank the Olelo Community Studios and Kaimuki High School for providing this community television forum, as well as thank Livable Hawaii Kai Hui as the organizer of the show, "Maunaloa, Past, Present, & Future", which the Hawaii Kai Lions Club's taped show will be aired under. As a sidenote, it was suggested that other Oahu Lions Clubs participate in these free tapings to provide the public with information on their clubs.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 8/3	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: New Member Induction / Breakfast Recap	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 8/5	6:00-10:30am	American Heart Association Heart Walk	Kapiolani Park	Work Shirt	Jeanne Alices / Ells Fujii
Thursday, 8/10	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	Club Shirt	N/A
Thursday, 8/17	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: District Governor CJ Kalopodes	Lunalilo Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 8/19	9:00-11:00am	Going Green E-Waste Recycling Drive	Maunalua Bay	Work Shirt	Allen Umeda
Thursday 8/24	8:30am-6:30pm	29th Annual REHAB Golf Challenge (sign-up for shift on website)	Hawaii Prince Golf Club	Work Shirt	Ell Fujii

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BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
8/5 Silvia Ardila 8/7 CIS Diane Kogachi 8/11 CIS Patty Osaki 8/14 Ken Nishibun 8/14 Dr. Kerry Yoon 8/16 CIS Nancy Uramoto 8/16 CIS Sandra Lee 8/18 Chong Fook Leu 8/18 Nancy Rocheleau 8/19 CIS Sandra Lee 8/26 Alvin Hayashibara 8/26 CIS Sally Ito	8/4 Jeanne & David Alices 8/8 Mino & Patsy Takaesu 8/14 Alvin & Jackie Hayashibara 8/23 Joel & Ellen Leo	8/1/1991 Tom Jones 8/1/1996 Ken Nishibun 8/1/1991 Mino Takaesu 8/1/2001 David Osaki 8/1/2002 Dr. Bill Modglin 8/2/2007 Ed Lee 8/29/2014 Eric Kimura	Active Student Affiliate At-Large Privileged Total	47 0 4 3 0 54

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2023-2024			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President IPP	Yolisa Ishibashi Frances Lum	Secretary Tail Twister Directors	Cynthia Chun Maja Leivo Marty Jorgensen Eric Kvick
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