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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,

Happy New Year! Hope everyone enjoyed their holidays and are looking forward to another great year of exciting activities and projects.

Looking back at our festivities last month, I wish to thank Lions David Iwana and Walter Kuroiwa for coordinating the Lunalilo Home Christmas Party on

December 7, as well as Lions Sandy Gomes, Cynthia Chun, and Jeanne Alices for our Holiday Party at Natsunoya on December 21. Both parties were filled with fun, friendship, food, and singing of carols, and it was terrific to see so many Hawaii Kai Lions participating in these two events.

Other interesting events that occurred last month were the Ka Iwi Hikes (Chair Lion Kendrick Chang), Honolulu Marathon (Chair Lion Joel Leo), Rescue Tube Installation Training (Chair Lion Allen Umeda), Going Green at Koko Head School (Chair Lion Frances Lum), and the numerous hearing and vision screenings done in East Oahu (Chair Lion Cynthia Chun). It truly is amazing how many interesting and diverse events/projects we participate in, and these are coordinated so well by our chairs. Thank you to all the chairs mentioned above!

Also, would like to give a shoutout to our new members since last July — Lions Trevor Yee, Sarah Overmeyer, Kelvin Kaneoka, Melissa Mullen, and Susan Uehara. And by the time this newsletter goes out, I hope our potential Lions will be full-fledged Lions; including Diane Taira, Arlene Ling, Ronnie Ong, Spencer Kimura, and Zeke Bernardo-Flores. What a great way to start up the new year with our membership expanding by leaps and bounds.

Here's to another outstanding year for our Hawaii Kai Lions Club!

Lisa Ishibashi

## Vision & Hearing Screenings

*Submitted by Cynthia Chun*

From September to the end of December the Hawaii Kai Lions were busy attending screenings sometimes with two a week besides attending our other activities taking place. My sincerest thanks to all of you who gave up your early mornings to help HKai as well as Koko Head and other clubs who don't have the manpower to screen alone. Dr Roger Ede was able to attend our vision screenings to give us pointers and correct any mistakes we made. PDG Shannon Ching was crucial to having with the more complex instruments and his decision if a child needs to be referred. One parent was appreciative that their child's problem was caught early having been diagnosed with a lazy eye. Another child at our hearing screening was referred and found there was a rock in his ear! This encourages us Lions keep up the good work we are doing to better the lives of others.

We tested 841 students w/ 103 referrals for Vision and 1,215 w/ 94 referrals for Hearing.

Sixteen volunteers attending from 2 to 16 screenings were: Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, Dr. Roger Ede, Ells Fujii, Joni Fukuji, Kelvin Kaneoka, Lisa Ishibashi, David Iwana, Eric Kimura, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, Nancy Rocheleau, Appan Subramanian, CIS Hedy Kaneoka & Lyn Lee

Guests brought to screenings by our members who became or will be members: Arlene Ling, Ronnie Ong, Diane Taira and Susan Uehara.

**Hui Nalu's Kaiwi Coast Run & Walk**



Hawaii Kai Lions assisting at the Kaiwi Coast Run & Walk

*Submitted by Nancy Rocheleau*

Hui Nalu's annual fundraiser is the Kaiwi Coast Run & Walk is held the Sunday before Thanksgiving each year. Hui Nalu gratefully thank the following Hawaii Kai Lions for their volunteer support. Lion Ellsworth Fujii arrived at Sandy Beach around 5:30am and was invaluable at the start of the event with crowd control. He was assisted by CIS Nancy Kvick. Lions Cynthia Chun, Erick Kvick, Marja Leivo and Ronnie Ong were stationed by Hanauma Bay for crowd control and encouragement for the participants. Nancy and Bob Rocheleau are on the Kaiwi Coast Run & Walk Steering Committee and helped at the start of the race and then stopped by Hanauma Bay.

**Going Green @ Koko Head Elem.**



Hawaii Kai Lions volunteers moving a recycled printer.

*Submitted by Frances Lum*

Koko Head Elementary School hosted a Going Green event on December 16, 2023. Lions Alvin Hayashibara, David Iwana, Marja Leivo, Dr. James Yamashita (Manoa) and Rene Mansho (Wahiawa) along with Kaiser High School Interact Club members directed traffic and unloaded large televisions, computers, laptops and other e-waste along with batteries and donations of clothes and toys. In addition, towels and sheets for animals awaiting adoption were also accepted. People were so grateful to be able to clean out their house in an environmentally conscious way.

Except for HI-5 donations, Koko Head Elementary School does not profit from this event. Thank you, Koko Head Elementary School for thinking of the community needs and helping the environment!

**Ka Iwi Explorations Hikes**



Kendrick Chang, Trevor Yee, and Tony Nakamura with hike leads.

*Submitted by Kendrick S. Chang*

On the weekend of December 2-3, 2023, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club assisted Livable Hawaii Kai Hui with hosting the annual Ka Iwi Explorations public access hikes. Lions Kendrick S. Chang, Trevor Yee, and CIS Tony Nakamura each led a group of hikers through the Ka Iwi Mauka lands. Hike leads provided an educational history of the Ka Iwi Mauka lands while safely guiding their group of approximately 15 hikers along the trail. In addition, Lion Eric Kvick steadfastly served as a parking guide on both mornings to ensure that hikers parked at the designated area adjacent to the trailhead entrance. As noted in the previous November bulletin, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club assisted with clearing the trail on October 28, 2023 in preparation for Ka Iwi Explorations.

**Christmas Party Recap**

*Submitted by Sandy Gomes, Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun and Lynn Yee*

What a wonderful time we had with family and friends at the holiday party held at Natsunoya Tea House. There was Good Food, Good Fun and Best of All, Good Company! A Special thank you to those that brought the delicious pupus, desserts and prizes! Mahalo to David who shared the Sing-Along words and leading us in Mele.

I would also like to thank my committee for all their hard work, time and being instrumental in making the event a Fun, Delicious and Joyous evening: Jeanne whom coordinated and made arrangements with Natsunoya, made pupus, dessert, the Fun Games and wrapping prizes until the wee hours of the night. Cynthia made pupus, dessert, punch and the elegant twinkle light wine bottle centerpieces and helped with putting together the Tree centerpieces. And our adopted committee member Lynn Yee brought taro chips, helped make and teach me how to make the Christmas Tree centerpieces and she was there with us to set-up and clean-up.

The camaraderie made this party, SPECIAL and I am sure, has definitely become a memorable one; from drooling members on table 3 to VERY, VERY, VERY LUCKY #150 & also Matt's Chair! To those who were unable to attend, you can ask/chat about it at our next club meeting.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 1/4	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Quarterly Business	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Thursday, 1/11	7:15-8:00am	Kamiloiki Elementary School Traffic Awareness Sign-Waving	Kamiloiki Elementary School	Work Shirt	Lisa Ishibashi
Thursday, 1/11	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 1/18	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: New Member Induction(s)	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 1/20	8:00-10:30am	Safe Sidewalks	Kalama Valley (Kealahou Street)	Work Shirt	Lisa Ishibashi
Sunday, 1/21	9:00-11:00am	Eyeglass Recycling Cleaning	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Work Shirt	Ells Fujii

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BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
1/1 Dr. Chip Abbadessa 1/4 Tommy Chun 1/8 CIS Emily Jorgensen 1/12 Michael Yee 1/16 Walter Kuroiwa 1/20 CIS Randall Gomes 1/26 Dr. Russell Imanaka 1/30 Ron Goong		1/1/1981 Stanley Ito 1/1/2007 Ron Goong 1/3/2013 Eric Kwick 1/1/2016 Marja Leivo 1/17/2019 Allen Umeda	Active Student Affiliate At-Large Privileged  Total	48 0 4 3 0  55

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2023-2024			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President IPP	Yolisa Ishibashi	Secretary Tail Twister	Cynthia Chun
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