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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,

What an amazing month! What we do really matters as a life was saved using our rescue tube (the newspaper said it wasn't ours, but for those of us who watched the news that night, it sure looked like ours) at China Walls during the Rescue Tube Press Conference on January 10 at Sandy Beach. A big

thank you to Lions Eric Kvick and Allen Umeda for chairing the Rescue Tube Committee, and to Lions Kendrick Chang, and Frances Lum for working on the Rescue Tube Agreement.

Other activities of note for the past month were the Kamiloiki Traffic Awareness Event on January 11, Safe Sidewalks Project on January 20 (great picture of Lions Ellsworth Fujii, Alvin Hayashibara, Kendrick Chang, and Frances Lum in the January 21 Sunday Star Advertiser newspaper), and Eyeglass Recycling/Cleaning on January 21 (thank you, Lions Ellsworth Fujii and Frances Lum for organizing this project). It's terrific that our club engages in activities that truly benefits our community and beyond.

And on January 18, we inducted six new members into our club: Lions Ezekiel Bernardo-Flores, Spencer Kimura, Arlene Ling, Veronica Ong, Diane Taira, and Trevor Yee. This adds up to 60 Hawaii Kai Lions Club Members strong! And a shout out to Lion Cynthia Chun for receiving a Milestone Chevron Award for 15 years of Lions service from DG CJ Kalopodes at this meeting.

And lastly, our new Hawaii Kai Lions Club Directory for 2023-2024 is available at our clubhouse, if you haven't picked up yours yet. Thank you to Lion Alvin Hayashibara for working so meticulously on this.

Lisa Ishibashi

Rescue Tube MOU Agreement

Submitted by Eric Kvick and Allen Umeda

The beaches and attractions along the shore of east Oahu are now a little safer for tourists and locals who visit Honolulu City and County Beach Parks with the installation of 20 new rescue tubes.

What started with a meeting with then Councilmember Tommy Waters evolved into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and County of Honolulu and Hawaii Kai Lions, Koko Head Lions, Manoa Lions and Hawaii Cyber Lions. The MOU allows the Lions "Rescue Tube Group" to install and maintain 20 rescue tubes at various locations from Kahala to Kailua. Reaching the agreement required the skills and expertise of many Lions with primary roles played by Lions Kendrick Chang, Frances Lum, Eric Kvick, and Allen Umeda who spent countless hours in zoom meetings and very long email threads. The MOU was finally signed in the fall of 2023.

Once signed many Lions moved into installation mode. Waikiki Rotary donated 20 new rescue tubes to the cause and Lions Frances Lum, Diane Taira and Nancy Rocheleau meticulously wrote instructions and safety themes on all the tubes. Then in October Lion Allen Umeda and myself replaced the existing tubes with new ones (Allen did the up and down trek to Rock Bridge). Followed in November and December by the 14 new installations. Lion Joel Leo and others installed many with the final tube including a trek down to the Makapuu tide pools being accomplished by Kendrick Chang, Zeke Bernardo-Flores and Joel Leo.

Then after the Holidays the MOU and installations were celebrated at a Jan 10th news conference at Sandy Beach. Speakers included Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi, Ocean Rescue Lt. Kawika Eckart, Lions Kendrick Chang, and Allen Umeda. The press conference resulted in front page press and news media coverage.

The total funds spent for this phase of the project was \$940.94 mostly for installation hardware came from the rescue tubes own fund. The Rotary donation of 20 tubes saved our club approximately \$1,800. The Rescue Tube Committee thanks all Lions and others who made this possible. Any Lions wishing information or to participate in this project please contact Lion Eric Kvick or Lion Allen Umeda.

Kamiloiki Elementary Traffic Awareness



Lions Appan Subramanian and Cynthia Chun holding signs.

Submitted by Lisa Ishibashi

On January 11, 2024, four Hawaii Kai Lions participated in the traffic awareness sign waving event at Kamiloiki Elementary School from 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. There were also several HPD officers and student council members joining the sign waving. Some signs included: “Be Alert, Accidents Hurt”, “Stop Accidents Before They Stop You”, “Fast Drive Could Be Last Drive”, and “Arrive Alive, Don’t Text and Drive”. These signs were made by students on this island.

Lions participating included Cynthia Chun, Yolisa Ishibashi, Frances Lum, and Appan Subramanian.

In support of the Community Policing Team of District 7 East Honolulu and Kamiloiki Elementary School, the Hawaii Kai Lions continue to encourage safe driving near our schools and look forward to participating in these types of projects in the future with them, as well as assist other schools within the community.

Card Making for Pediatric Cancer Patients



Valentine’s Day cards made by Hawaii Kai Lions Club members.

Submitted by Marja Leivo

In November 2023, Lion Virginia McMahan, Chair of the Pediatric Program at the Kapiolani Medical Center (KMC), inquired if our Club could make Valentine’s Day cards for the 32 current pediatric cancer patients at KMC. Lion Marja Leivo agreed to organize the card making, announced it to the Club, and on January 25, 2024 met with new members Veronica Ong, and Arlene Ling to make 15 cards. CIS Lyn Yee joined us and provided 20 cards she had made on her own. On January 26, 2024 Marja met with Virginia and gave her the 35 cards which she will be delivering to KMC for distribution to the patients on Valentine’s Day.

Constitution & Bylaws Amended



PDG Roy Aoki reciting oath to new members at 1/18/2024 meeting.

Submitted by Frances Lum

At its January 11, 2024, Hawaii Kai Lions Club adopted amendments to its Constitution and By-laws. The amendments were made to conform to the Standard Constitution and By-laws issued by the Lions Clubs International (LCI) at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Each fiscal year, LCI publishes a standard constitution and by-laws to which clubs must conform. If there is a conflict between the standard LCI constitution and by-laws and the club constitution and by-laws, the standard documents will prevail. In an effort to avoid any conflict and to keep our own club constitution and by-laws up-to-date, your constitution and by-laws committee reviewed and compared the two documents to identify any changes (LCI does not make available a document to identify any changes or explain why changes are made) in order to make recommendations to the club. This year, no amendments were made to the Standing Rules, but the committee is open to hearing any suggestions for future consideration.

Prior to these latest amendments, our governing documents had been amended in August 2022, the first time in a decade. Your committee, consisting of Lions Kendrick Chang, Ellsworth Fujii, David Iwana, and Eric Kwick are committed to keeping our constitution and by-laws current. If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact the first vice-president or any committee member.

Hawaii Kai Safe Sidewalks Project



Hawaii Kai Lions taking group photo prior to repaving sidewalks.

Submitted by Lisa Ishibashi

On January 20, 2024, six Hawaii Kai Lions, one CIS, and the District 50 Safe Sidewalks Chair patched 34 sites/ sidewalk cracks on Kealahou Street in Kalama Valley. Scott Goto, from the City’s Division of Road Maintenance’s Malama O Ka Aina (MOKA) community volunteer program, was present and provided guidance to the two teams of four. Starting from opposite ends of Kealahou Street, from Mokuhano Street and the intersection of Hawaii Kai Drive, the teams worked from 8:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

Lions participating in this event included Kendrick Chang, Ellsworth Fujii, Alvin Hayashibara, Yolisa Ishibashi, Frances Lum, CIS Lyn Yee, Trevor Yee, and District 50 Safe Sidewalks Chair Jerry Nagatani.

Thank you to those Lions, CIS, and District 50 Safe Sidewalks Chair who volunteered for this ongoing project. Many residents were walking on the sidewalk fronting Kalama Village Shopping Center on Kealahou Street and appeared appreciative towards our efforts. We were also surprised by Star Advertiser’s photographer, Craig Kojima, taking several pictures of us working so diligently, with one of the pictures being featured on the front page of the local section of the newspaper. Kudos to our Hawaii Kai Lions Club!



Hawaii Kai Lions repaving sidewalk with large crack dent.

LCIF — Improve Lives Worldwide



LCIF Donation QR Code

Submitted by Frances Lum

How can one individual make a difference in improving lives worldwide? It seems like an almost impossible goal, but it is easily achievable as our District 50 Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) coordinator, IPDG Lion Gary Nip told us at our January 18, 2024 meeting. A donation to LCIF supports projects worldwide in areas such as the environment, health, and food to name a few. For example, just \$15 is enough to vaccinate 15 people for measles; \$20 helps to relieve the suffering of disaster victims, and \$25 helps to save the sight of 10 children. In case you are wondering, donations also help people right here in Hawaii. Maui received a \$10,000 grant only days after the devastating fire in Lahaina. Thank you Lion Gary for educating us on all that LCIF does.

In addition, when our club and its members make a combined annual donation of at least \$5,000 (excluding donations for the disaster fund), our club is eligible to apply for a grant equal to 15% of the total donation to use in its own qualifying projects. Hawaii Kai Lions currently has a balance of \$1,545 available which expires in 2038.

For those of you who made a donation at the meeting (18 of you, plus one the next day!), THANK YOU VERY MUCH. For those of you who needed to think about it, you can still donate by giving me your cash or check (or you can mail it in yourself to LCIF, Department 4547, Carol Stream IL 60122-4547 – yes, this is the address; it has no street name) or online, using the QR code above. For those who are senior, you can even donate by directing your required minimum distribution (RMD) and save on taxes. (Please check with your tax preparer for details.) Another way to donate is to name LCIF in your estate plan. Any amount is welcome as one of the goals this year is to increase the individual and club participation by 20%. Remember, there is no amount too small.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 2/1	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: General Meeting	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Wednesday, 2/7	7:30-9:30am	Koko Head Elementary School HI-5 Recyclables Sorting	Koko Head Elementary	Work Shirt	Frances Lum
Thursday, 2/8	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 2/15	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: TBD	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 2/17	7:30am-3:00pm	Honolulu District Science & Engineering Fair Judging	Kaimuki High School	Club Shirt	David Iwana
Saturday, 2/24	8:00-10:00am	Adopt-a-Highway	Koko Head Elementary School	Work Shirt	Ells Fujii / Susan Uehara

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BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
2/10 Rick Yee 2/28 Stanley Ito		2/2/2017 Judge Thomas Haia 2/11/2021 Silvia Ardila 2/18/2021 Lisa Ishibashi 2/18/2021 Bill Kern 2/18/2021 John D. Kratochvil	Active	53
			Student	0
			Affiliate	5
			Associate	2
			At-Large	3
			Privileged	0
			Total	63

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
Intl President	Dr. Patti Hill	1 st VP	Frances Lum	Directors	Maja Leivo
District Governor	CJ Kalopodes	2 nd VP	Ellsworth Fujii		Marty Jorgensen
1 st VD Governor	Dr. Lori Yamashita	3 rd VP	Kendrick S. Chang	Mem. Dir.	Eric Kvik
2 nd VD Governor	Sean Benito	Treasurer	Silvia Ardila	Bull. Ed.	Allen Umeda
Zone Chair	Frances Lum	Lion Tamer	Jeanne Alices	Service Chair	Kendrick S. Chang
Region 5 Zone 2			Tom Ono	Program	Alvin Hayashibara
Zone II	David Iwana			Coordinator	Frances Lum
HLF Trustee					