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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,

This past month was filled with many accolades for our club; including: on February 1, DG CJ Kalopodes presenting Lion Dr. Roger Ede a 25-year Milestone Chevron Award for his years of service with the Lions and Lion Kendrick S. Chang receiving a \$500 Young Lions Scholarship from Lion BJ Kalopodes at the same meeting; and on February 15, the Proud Lion Award was presented to Lion Kelvin Kaneoka and new member Jacqueline Barnes was inducted into our club. Congratulations to all!

Other inspiring and much appreciated events/projects were the D50 Cabinet Meeting on January 26 at KMC on the Big Island, with Lions Ellsworth Fujii and Frances Lum representing our club; HI-5 recycling on February 7 at Koko Head Elementary School, chaired by Lion Frances Lum; picking winners for our Sight is Beautiful Contest on February 15, with Lion Frances Lum and me coordinating the voting (thank you to all who stayed after our meeting to help vote); distributing t-shirts at the Blaisdell on February 17 and 18 for the Great Aloha Run (Lion Ellsworth Fujii, taking the lead); and Membership Director Lion Allen Umeda holding a new member orientation on February 18 at Lion Marja Leivo's condo. Thank you to all the chairs for coordinating these events!

Looking forward to the next few weeks; which includes a new project (Adopt-a-Highway), nominating officers for next fiscal year, marching in the Honolulu Festival Parade, and much more. So please stay tuned and participate whenever you can – the fun never stops when you're a Hawaii Kai Lion!

Lisa Ishibashi

Club Member Recognitions



DG CJ Kalopodes presenting Dr. Roger Ede 25-year Chevron Award.



BJ Kalopodes presenting Kendrick Chang Young Lions Scholarship.



Ells Fujii presenting Kelvin Kaneoka District 50 Proud Lion Award.



New member Jackie Barnes with sponsor Marja Leivo.

Adopt-a-Highway Project



Hawaii Kai Lions after finishing first clean-up.

Submitted by Ells Fujii and Susan Uehara

The Dirty Dozen! What a great turnout with 11 Hawaii Kai Lions and one CIS participating in the Club’s inaugural Adopt-a-Highway (AAH) project on Saturday, February 24. The weather cooperated with comfortable temperatures, overcast skies, and no rain. Four teams were formed to pick up trash along Kalaniana’ole Highway from Keahole Street to entrance of Hanauma Bay. We met at 8am at Koko Head Elementary School entrance which was about the middle of route that the Hawaii Kai Lions adopted. Because we had enough Lions, each team completed their assigned routes within an hour after we started.

We weren’t sure whether it was the wind during the week or that the community and visitors are mindful of their trash but overall, the highway was pretty clean except for the cigarette butts. Although, the team that picked up trash across Koko Marina did use all 10 of the trash bags given to them. In all, the 4 teams collected 20 bags of trash. So, you may see orange trash bags along Kalaniana’ole during the next few days.



Koko Head School’s HI-5 Sorting



Lions Kelvin, Diane, Marja, Susan, and CIS Hedy sorting bottles.

Submitted by Frances Lum

Six Lions and a CIS were up to their ankles in more glass bottles, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles than you can count on February 7, 2024 at Koko Head Elementary School. Throughout the year, the school receives donations of recyclable cans and bottles (and some trash) in large cages sitting in front of the school. Once a quarter or so, the full cages are emptied and parents, faculty (including Principal Shitaoka), students, and Lions separate the glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and nonrecyclable items and bag each type separately. With many hands, the work was done quickly and efficiently.

Joining in the fun were CIS Hedy Kaneoka, Lions Kelvin Kaneoka, Marja Leivo, Diane Taira, Susan Uehara, and Frances Lum. Even Lion Appan Subramanian, who is preparing to move to the West Coast soon, made time to participate in one last project before taking off. Thank you to all for helping in this project that raises money to benefit the Koko Head Elementary School Ohana.



Wishing Lion Appan Subramanian all the best on his future endeavors in California and much appreciation for his many contributions to our club and Lionism.

Scouts Pack 101 Blue & Gold Banquet



Hawaii Kai Lions Club is the charter sponsor of Cub Scouts Pack 101.

Submitted by Joel Leo

On February 25th, 2024, the Cub Scouts of Pack 101 held their annual Blue & Gold Banquet celebrating scouting, and as in years past, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club was invited to celebrate with them. Lion Joel Leo, the Scouts chair for the Hawaii Kai Lions Club (“HKLC”) and the Charter Organization Rep for the Pack, and Lion 2nd VP Kendrick Chang accepted the invitation and attended the revelry.

The banquet included food as the term 'banquet' implies, but also includes a variety of entertainment, such as the slide show of the Pack's adventures over the year, promotions for scouts to new ranks, and the always chaotic and hilarious skits the cubs put together. Several new scouts were inducted through the bobcat ceremony, a solemn affair that involves scout leaders painting the scouts' faces with different colors to represent different aspects of scouting, and the scouts sharing the commitments with their parents through rubbing noses together to a cacophony of giggles.

While the pack is close to its pre-pandemic levels, they have faced challenges in recruiting like so many other organizations. Thankfully, their efforts volunteering for the Honolulu Marathon secure enough funds to pay for their meeting place and some activities. HKLC passed along their annual donation to the pack at the end of the banquet, and the pack again expressed their gratitude for HKLCs assistance with the marathon and donation.

There's some new leadership coming up the ranks in the pack, and some of the existing pack leadership is moving on to Troop 101. HKLC has chartered Pack 101 and Troop 101 for many years, and we all look forward to many more years of adventures.

Maui Foodbank Donation

Submitted by Eric Kvick

On August 8, 2023, the wildfires on Maui devastated Lahaina city. The aftermath of thousands of people without homes or food was heartbreaking; such that by August 11, an e-mail went out from our club, spearheaded by Lion Eric Kvick, to fundraise for the Maui Food Bank. A total of \$6,306 from 40 donors was raised within a few days to help the Maui Food Bank in their efforts to feed those in need.

January & February Club Photos



Hawaii Kai Lions Club and Kaiser High School Leo Club.



Hawaii Kai Lions at Rescue Tube City MOU Press Conference.



Welcoming new Lion members Trevor, Zeke, and Spencer.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 3/7	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Board Nominations & John Mau (HPD)	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Sunday, 3/10	2:00-7:00pm	Honolulu Festival Parade	Various along Kalakaua Avenue	Work Shirt	Ells Fujii
Thursday, 3/14	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Friday, 3/15	11:00am-2:00pm	Koko Head Elementary School Keiki Karnival	Koko Head Elementary School	Work Shirt	Frances Lum
Thursday, 3/21	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: 1st VDG Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Wednesday, 3/27	All-Day	Nagoya Joto Lions Club Charter Celebration	Nagoya, Japan	Club Shirt	David Iwana
Friday, 4/26– Saturday, 4/27	All-Day	District 50 88th Annual District Convention	Ala Moana Hotel	Club Shirt	David Iwana
June 21-25 2024	All-Day	106th Annual Lions Club International Convention	Melbourne, Australia	Club Shirt	David Iwana

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
3/3 Ed Lee 3/6 Andy Uramoto 3/10 CIS Iris Iwana 3/19 Mino Takaesu 3/19 CIS Joan Sindong 3/27 Niru Subramanian 3/27 CIS Matt Sonnichsen 3/30 CIS Patsy Takaesu	3/5 Allen Umeda and Fumiko Takahashi	3/1/2013 David Iwana	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	Mem. Dir.	Marty Jorgensen
1 st VD Governor	Dr. Lori Yamashita	3 rd VP	Kendrick S. Chang	Bull. Ed.	Eric Kvik
2 nd VD Governor	Sean Benito	Treasurer	Silvia Ardila	Service Chair	Allen Umeda
Zone Chair	Frances Lum	Lion Tamer	Jeanne Alices	Program Coordinator	Kendrick S. Chang
Region 5 Zone 2			Tom Ono		Alvin Hayashibara
Zone II	David Iwana				Frances Lum
HLF Trustee					