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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,

Just want to start with a shout out to Lions Ellsworth Fujii and Joel Leo for chairing the Adopt-a-Highway Project and Pack 101 Blue & Gold Banquet, respectively. Their articles were already published in our last month's edition. Other fun events this past month were the Honolulu Festival

Parade (Chair Lion Ellsworth Fujii), the Koko Head Keiki Karnival (Chair Lion Frances Lum), and the Easter Eggstravaganza (Chair Lion Ellsworth Fujii). Thank you to all the Chairs for organizing these events!

For our March 7 meeting, we honored soon-to-be retired Honolulu Police Department's Corporal John Mau, for his service to the community and our club. He was presented with a Resolution of Appreciation and we will miss working with him, but wish him well in his retirement. For our March 21 meeting, we welcomed 1st VDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita, 2nd VDG Sean Benito, Dr. Cedric Mitsui, and Lion Clubs from Koko Head, Diamond Head, Manoa, Kahaluu, and Mililani. It was great to have so many other Lions' clubs attending this meeting and hearing from our future District Governor and others running for cabinet officers.

From March 26 – 28, a group of us (Lions Cynthia Chun, David Iwana/CIS Iris Iwana, John Kratochvil, Frances Lum, and I) enjoyed visiting with the Nagoya Joto Lions Club, who is our sister club in Japan. The highlight of this trip was their 55th Charter Celebration at the Nagoya Kanko Hotel. Good food and camaraderie were enjoyed by all. Thank you to Lion David Iwana for organizing this trip, as well as providing a more detailed report for next month's newsletter.

And lastly, it's that time of year for submitting the

applications for the D50 awards; some of which includes the Stellar Club, Hunger, Vision, and Environmental Awards. A total of nine applications were submitted. So let's cross our fingers, to hopefully win some (or all!) of them. Thank you everyone for working so hard on our projects/events, so that we were able to submit these award applications!

Lisa Ishibashi



HPD Corporal John Mau with President Lisa Ishibashi.



Hawaii Kai Lions' delegation at Nagoya Joto Lions Charter Banquet.

Koko Head Elementary Keiki Karnival



L-R: Rosemary Chong, Gale Ikeda, and Lion Ken Nishibun.

Submitted by Lisa Ishibashi (for Frances Lum)

On March 15, 2024, five Hawaii Kai Lions, one CIS, one potential member, and one volunteer, participated in Koko Head Elementary School’s annual Keiki Karnival. The Lions were tasked with bagging and selling popcorn, being cashiers for the toy sale, and assisting at the raffle tables. As expected, the popcorn sold out, and the toy sale and raffle tables were inundated with children buying toys and wanting to win raffle prizes. At the end, two of our Lions helped the principal with distributing the raffle prizes; one of which were four UH men’s volleyball tickets.

Lions participating included Jacqueline Barnes, Yolisa Ishibashi, Marty Jorgensen, Marja Leivo, Ken Nishibun, CIS Lyn Yee, potential member Rosemary Chong, and volunteer Gale Ikeda.

In support of the schools in our community, the Hawaii Kai Lions continue to assist in important school events. It is this dedication by our members and future members, which truly shows how extraordinary you are! Thanking those who participated in this event and looking forward to their and others participation in future events.



Hawaii Kai Lions packing bags of popcorn.

Koko Head Easter Eggstravaganza



Hawaii Kai Lions at Easter Eggstravaganza.

Submitted by Ells Fujii

The annual Parks & Recreation Easter Eggstravaganza was held at Koko Head District Park on Saturday, March 30 from 8:00a to 11:00a. Lions Jeanne Alices, Joni Fukuji, Marty Jorgensen, Marja Leivo, Susan Uehara, Allen Umeda, Kerry Yoon, and Ellsworth Fujii and CISs Herb (Joni) and Lyn (Rick) assisted with registration and distribution of gift bags to each participating child at the end of the egg hunt. There were only 5 Lions signed up (2 cancelled) but after sending an email asking for volunteers, 5 came to assist...When There’s a Need, There’s a Lion!!!

This year, there were more than 500 children registered, in addition to those who came and registered that day. There were games, popcorn & shaved ice, and face-painting stations to entertain the children before the egg hunt began. The Easter egg hunt, by age group (4), was held on the baseball field. Three eggs for each age group contained a grand prize ticket and those children were awarded an Easter basket. Great job by the Hawaii Kai Lions team on helping the Parks & Rec have a successful Easter Eggstravaganza!



Hawaii Kai Lions setting up check-in table.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Thursday, 4/4	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Quarterly Business Meeting & Officer Elections	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 4/6	8:30-11:00am	Storm Drain Marking	Kalama Valley	Work Shirt	Allen Umeda
Tuesday, 4/9	2:00-3:00pm	Hawaii Kai Library Donation Presentation	Hawaii Kai Public Library	Club Shirt	Marja Leivo
Thursday, 4/11	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Saturday, 4/13	11:30am-2:00pm	Charter Banquet & Officer Installation	Gyotaku Niu Valley Restaurant	Club Shirt	Jeanne Alices & Sandy Gomes
Sunday, 4/14	8:00-11:00am	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Canvassing	Zippy's Koko Marina	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Saturday, 4/20	9:00am-12:00pm	Lion Stan Ito Celebration of Life Service	Nuuanu Memorial Park	Club Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Sunday, 4/21	8:00-11:00am	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Canvassing	Zippy's Koko Marina	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
Thursday, 4/25	4:45-6:00pm	Hahaione Elementary School 5th Grade Exhibition	Hahaione Elementary School	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
Sunday, 4/28	8:00-11:00am	Father's Day Breakfast Ticket Canvassing	Zippy's Koko Marina	Work Shirt	Ken Nishibun
June 21-25 2024	All-Day	106th Annual Lions Club International Convention	Melbourne, Australia	Club Shirt	David Iwana

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
4/7 CIS Wanda Kimura 4/25 PDG Roy Aoki 4/28 CIS Amy Ching 4/30 CIS Ellen Leo		4/9/1973 Rick Yee 4/9/1973 Delwin Ching 4/9/1973 Richard Okamoto 4/9/1973 Bunny Lee 4/10/2019 Kelan Yoshioka	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		Eric Kvick
2 nd VD Governor	Sean Benito	Treasurer	Silvia Ardila	Mem. Dir.	Allen Umeda
Zone Chair	Frances Lum	Lion Tamer	Jeanne Alices	Bull. Ed.	Kendrick S. Chang
Region 5 Zone 2			Tom Ono	Service Chair	Alvin Hayashibara
Zone II	David Iwana			Program Coordinator	Frances Lum
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