



# LEO LIONA



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## Clubs Featured in this Issue

Chinatown	Koko Head
D46 Nevada/ California	Koloa
East Kauai	Kona
Farrington HS	Lahaina
Leos	Mana Loa-Nimitz
Group Volunteer	Mililani
Team Lions Club	Moanalua
District 386	Moanalua HS
(Zhejiang, China)	Leos
Hawaii Cyber	Pali
Hawaii Kai	Roosevelt HS
Hilo Crescent	Leos
City	Roosevelt Lions
Honolulu	Club
Kahalu'u	Sacred Hearts
Kahului	Leos
Kaiser HS Leos	Waiakea
Kamehameha	Waikoloa
Kina'ole	Wamea

**Healthy Hearts  
Healthy Minds  
Healthy Lions**

## District Governor's Message



Aloha District 50 Lions and Leos 'Ohana, Thank you to all who attended the district convention. We hope you enjoyed yourselves. Thank you to the convention committee chairs, their members, and Chair Lion Jackie Cabebe for their hard work. We had lots of prizes, fun, LCIF Melvin Jones pinning by IPIP Patti Hill, great entertainment with Floyd Armstrong Smith from the Fifth Dimensions, and more. My biggest thank you goes to our "Honey-Do" awardee, Lion Dr. Jim, for all his support this year.

Thank you, Lion Ellsworth Fujii, the Lions who helped coordinate our hunger drive, and to all the volunteers who came out to make our second hunger project so successful. Thank you to all the photographers who took pictures and posted them on social media, submitted to the news, and to Lion Irwin Santos for getting us in the news again.

We have met and surpassed the LCI's district goals for LCIF, service reporting, officer and zone chair trainings, and other goals for this year. Thank you to our DG team, LCIF coordinator, GAT, zone chairs, club leadership, and Lions for helping us go above and beyond the LCI district goals. We are currently working on officer training for this coming year. Thank you, PDG Chris Morris, for spearheading the officer training on the Big Island, and to PDG Mark Mizuno, for working on the officer training efforts for this coming year's officers.

Currently, we are at a net positive 58 in overall membership and are again above 1400 members. We still need more new members to join existing clubs to meet the LCI's district goal for new members. We will soon welcome to our Lions ohana and add to our overall membership our second new club, **Honolulu Roosevelt Lions club**, which is not counted in the membership goal per LCI. Remember, staying at a positive

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**2024-2025**

**District 50 Leadership**

**District Governor**

Lori Inouye-Yamashita

**First Vice District Governor**

Sean Benito

**Second Vice**

**District Governor**

Cedric Mitsui

**Immediate Past**

**District Governor**

C.J. Kalopodes

**Honorary District Governor**

PDG Nadine Nishioka

**Past International Director**

Maurice Kahawaii

**Past International Director**

Robert Lee

**Cabinet Secretary**

PDG Gary Nip

**Cabinet Treasurer**

PDG Chris Tamura

**Sergeant at Arms**

Bruce Kimura

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**Board of Governors**

**Chairperson**

PDG Mitch Tam

**Vice Chairperson**

PDG Gary Nip

**Secretary**

IPDG C.J. Kalopodes

PDG Garrett Ogawa

PDG Angie Haramoto

DG Lori Inouye-Yamashita

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**Submissions**

Lion Renee Ako, Editor

Please email submissions for the

July issue by June 25th to

[leoliona@hawaiilions.org](mailto:leoliona@hawaiilions.org)

membership growth and keeping our district in the 1400s for overall membership depends on how well our clubs can retain members. Please keep recruiting new Lions, keeping our members satisfied, and serving wherever there is a need.

Thank you again for a wonderful year and for being Lions, serving Hawaii's people. June 30 is just another day in Lionism and not the end. Let us continue to improve our clubs, district, and continue to move forward. Remember, "Happy Lions stay Lions."

**Mahalo,**

**Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita**

**District Governor 2024-2025**

**"Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds, Healthy Lions"**

**District 50 Angels**

**Thank You For Your Service!**



**Hiroshi Nishida**

Honolulu Koko Head Lions Club  
55 years as a Lion

Service:

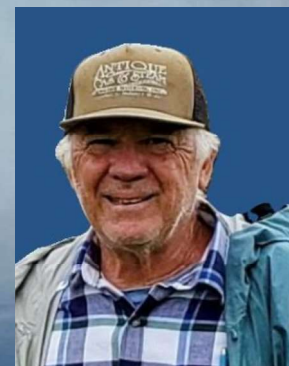
Buddhist Temple of San Diego  
June 7th 4:00 p.m.

**"Greg" Williams**

Koloa Lions Club  
51 years as a Lion

Service:

St. John Episcopal Church  
322 Mehana Rd., Ele'ele, Kauai  
July 5th 9:00 a.m.  
Lions Service: 9:30 a.m.



**We Will Miss You!**



## Mahalo Nui Loa, DG Lori Inouye-Yamashita!

Our hearts stay full with gratitude fo' our incredible District Governor who led with Heart and Energy every step of da way. As her term pau on June 30th, we gotta give props to da extraordinary leadership she brought to our district with such grace and passion, yeah?

Under Lori's guidance, our district really wen reach new heights dat make us proud Lions. Her gift fo' bringing people together and her genuine care fo' our communities inspired each of us to be better servants. Through her example, we witnessed what it truly means to lead with both strength and aloha spirit.

Da numbers speak fo' themselves - 58 net gain in membership, 159 new members, one new club with another coming, 95% service reporting, and \$52,000 raised! But more than da statistics, Lori showed us what it means to serve with genuine aloha. Her dedication created one ripple effect of positive change throughout our island communities. Mahalo, DG Lori, fo' your incredible leadership and fo' showing us all how to serve with both excellence and heart. You set da bar high, and because of your amazing example, our district soared to heights we never thought possible.

Your legacy of service and aloha will guide us long after your term ends.

With deepest gratitude and warmest aloha,  
District Governor Elect, Bruddah Sean



***When & Where!***

Friday June 20, 2025 10:00 am—Check In  
12:00 Noon—Shotgun Start 3 Golfer Scramble Format  
at **The Pearl at Kalauao**

***Contests***

**HLF Golf Classic 2025**

**1st Place (Lions Clubs)**

**\$25,000 Cash Prize Shootout**

**Each Golfer must be Registered and Paid by Saturday June 7, 2025 to be entered in our Shootout. A drawing will be held for 4 lucky golfers.**

**Four Hole-in-One Contest #1**

Brand New **2025 Mercedes-Benz Automobile** valued over \$50,000,

**\$1000 Cash Prize, \$500 Callaway Golf Shopping Spree,**

**Swing Caddie Portable Launch Monitor or Laser Rangefinder**

**Four Hole-in-One Contest #2**

**A CHANCE TO WIN A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE**

**Win a trip to: The Super Bowl, The World Series, Pebble Beach Golf, or the US Open**

**Includes: Tickets for two to attend the event, Airfare and Hotel accommodations.**

**Closest to the Pin**

**Longest Drive**

**Note: To encourage more senior Kupuna to play, golfers over 80 yrs may tee off from the forward tees.**

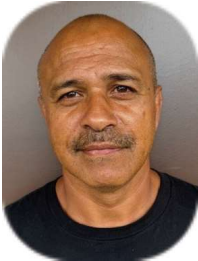


# Welcome New Lions!

You're now a part of the world's largest humanitarian service organization. This means that you've joined a global community of kind-hearted, service-minded people, dedicated to making a positive impact. We couldn't be happier to have you as a Lion!

## HILO

**Lion Duane Amaral**



Sponsor:  
Lion Clayton Chong

**Lion Mayu Hayano**



Sponsor:  
Lion Clayton Chong

**Lion Krissy Kuamo'o**



Sponsor:  
Lion Clayton Chong

**Lion Lea Timbol**



Sponsor:  
Lion Teresita Revilla

## HAMAKUA

**Lion Glory Guerpo**



Sponsor:  
Lion Michael Hippely

## PEARL CITY

**Lion Gerry Kubo**



Sponsor:  
Lion Carol Murakami

**Lion Leroy Nagasako**



Sponsor:  
Lion Mel Tom

**Lion Kelly Maeshiro**



Sponsor:  
Lion Alice Kubo



Eyeglass cleaning with Akaka Falls Lions Club

**Lions have more fun together – ask a friend to join us!**  
*#WeServe #LionsClub*



**FASTRACK a New Lion Member with Orientation**

**Find out more about Lionism and get engaged right away!**

# DG Lori's Photos of the Month

## D50 Hawaii Lions Convention

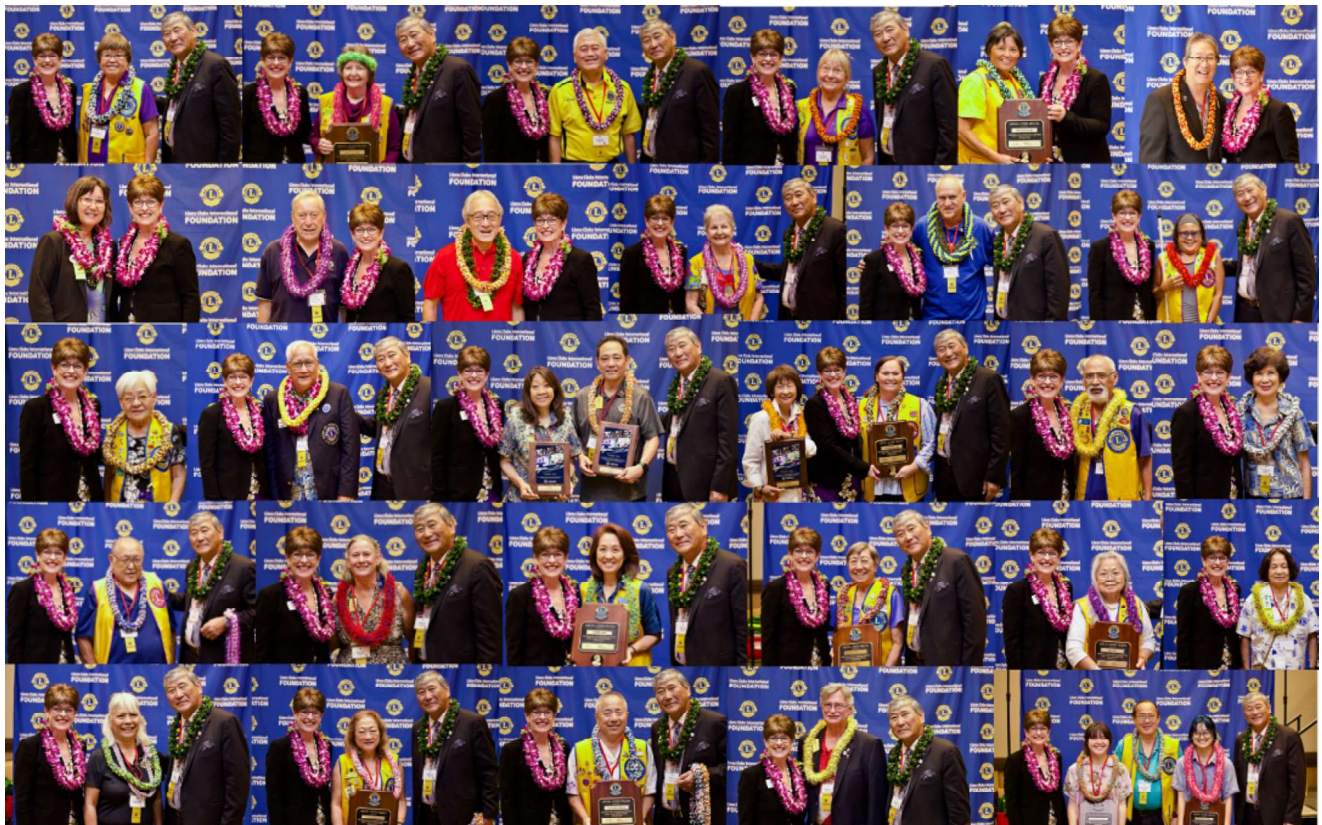


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### Friday's Convention Group Picture



### Melvin Jones & Progressive Melvin Jones pinning by IPIP Dr. Patti Hill



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**Keynote Speaker Luncheon  
IPIP Dr. Patti Hill  
Lion Jake Shimabukuro performed**

### Genki Ball Service Project



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### Awards Luncheon May 3, 2025



**Global Causes  
Ohia Lehua  
Lion of the Year  
CIS Award  
Bragging Rights  
Proud Lion**



**(Non-Lion) Appreciation Plaque**

**Community Achievement Medal**

**LCI Outstanding Editor medal**

**LCI Outstanding Secretary Medal**

**LCI Outstanding Treasurer Medal**

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**DG BANQUET May 3, 2025**



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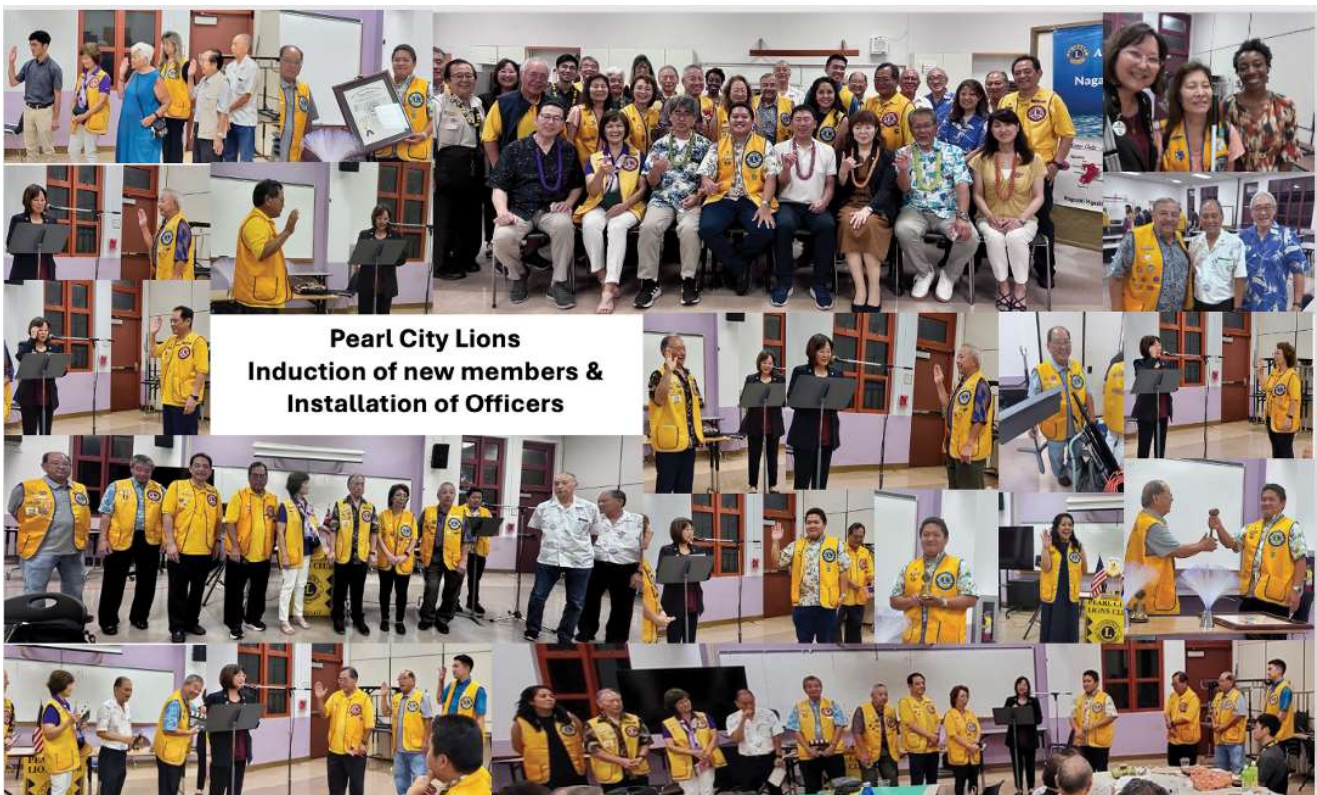


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**Thank you to photographers: Pamela Young, Justin Nip, Thomas Palmer, Heather Valdez, Richard Ching, Glenn Teraoka & Pikachu**





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Visitations & Installation of Officers

Kamehameha, Kalakaua, and Palolo Lions

Palolo Lions Club



**Camp Anuenue  
July 20 - 26, 2025**

Cancer is isolating and overwhelming especially for children who may not have the tools needed to cope and deal with the treatment(s) needed to treat their cancer.

Camp Anuenue provides a place for young survivors to go where they do not feel alone, where they are able to be with other children who are dealing with or have dealt with cancer.

Open to children ages 7-18 who have, or have had cancer and live in Hawaii (all islands) and children from U.S. territories in the Pacific. Located on the North Shore of Oahu on the grounds of Camp Mokule'ia.

I am asking for your support for 2025. Any donation amount is appreciated. Your donation truly makes a difference:

- It costs approximately \$300+ for transportation costs for children from the outer islands.
- It costs \$2,000 to give one young survivor a magical camp week.
- Your donations provide for fun and enjoyment: art supplies, colored craft paper, games, water toys, water balloons, items for s'mores, beach towels and more.

Contact:  
Lion Virginia McMahon, Pediatric Cancer Program Chair

[Click here for donation form](#)



# 2025 District 50 Hawaii Lions Convention

## Business, Music, Memories and More...

Submitted by Lion Jenny Duhaylonsod Delos Santos, Aloha Pono (Public Relations)

Convention Photographers: Lions Pamela Young, Heather Valdez, Richard Ching, Justin Nip, Thomas Palmer, Glenn Teraoka, and Pikachu

Visit the [Hawaii Lions Facebook](#) page to see all the photos.

The annual Lions Club District 50 Convention was held May 1–3 at the Hibiscus Ballroom in the Ala Moana Hotel. The District 50 Cabinet meeting convened, followed by a special presentation from the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and a ceremony honoring those who donated \$1,000 or more to the Melvin Jones Fellowship.

The evening began with a performance by the Royal Hawaiian Band, whose dignified presence helped set a respectful tone for the night. Their music served as a fitting prelude to the evening’s main event—the



traditional Flag Ceremony, a highlight that honored the values and unity of Lions Club members across the district.

The second day took on a more reflective tone with presentations by the Resolution Committee and the Hawaii Lions



Foundation, along with the Parade of Checks. Lunch followed and the Lions members were treated to a special performance by Jake Shimabukuro, and the Keynote Speaker was Immediate Past International President Patti Hill of Canada.



The afternoon included a hands-on service project involving Genki Balls, a District 50 environmental initiative. Genki balls are tennis ball-sized mud balls. Each one contains a mixture of bran, clay, water, soil, rice, molasses, and EM•1 solution. For the project, is a broad community effort involving over 100 partners from various sectors, and District 50 Hawaii Lions Club are one of the organizations that tosses Genki balls into the Ala Wai canal to digest sludge.

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Friday eve was Fun Night, and Lions members came dressed as their favorite movie characters. Entertainment included Karaoke, a costume contest, food, a photo booth, prizes, and carnival games. On the final day, attendees gathered for the solemn Necrology Ceremony honoring departed members. This was followed by a presentation from the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, candidate nominations and speeches, and elections for the new fiscal year's top key leadership for 2nd & 1st Vice District Governor, and DG. The district contest & awards luncheon celebrated the achievements of the past year.



The convention concluded with the prestigious District Governor's Banquet. Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita, District Governor 2024-2025, presented the top leadership awards to PDG Garrett Ogawa (International President Award medal) and PDG Eric Nordmeier (International Leadership medal). PDG Garrett noted "Thanking ALL Lions! Everyone had a part of the award".

This year's winner for the 2025 District 50 Humanitarian Award is Blanche McMillan of Hui Mahi'ai 'Āina in Waimānalo. McMillan successfully expanded the community to 50 homes, providing shelter for 75 individuals. She also led food distribution programs and coordinated disaster relief efforts, including the delivery of over 200 pallets of supplies for survivors of the Maui wildfires.



The banquet was emceed by Lion David Iwana, with dinner music provided by the Kukahiko Brothers. Floyd Smith, a current member of the 5th Dimension, got Lions on the dance floor.

Until next year, please join us for our 90th Convention!



# CALLING ALL LIONS

Join us for these important meetings!

**Sunday, June 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.**

Health & Wellness Seminar:

**Presenter: Lion Dr. James Yamashita**

**Common Foot Problems & How To Care For Them**

**Monday, June 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.**

Best Practices:

**Introducing Our 2025-2026 Officers**

## Going Green 2025

**Going Green Partners:** T & N Computer Recycling Services, Hawaii Lions District 50, United Cerebral Palsy Hawaii, Oahu SPCA, Hawaii Foodbank, Soares Trucking, Aloha Diaper Bank, Menehune Water Co, Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan/Borthwick Mortuary

**Subject to change**

Rene Mansho  
Facebook "Going Green"

- Jun 7 Lanakila Multipurpose Senior Center
- 14 Waialua High & Intermediate School
- 21 Central Union Church
- 28 Aiea Hongwanji Mission
- Jul 5 Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission
- 12 Mililani Mauka Elementary School
- 19 Ewa Hongwanji Mission



## ALOHA PONO LIONS CLUB

Chartered May 19, 2000

Celebrating 25 years serving the communities of District 50



*In honor of our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Aloha Pono Lions would like to encourage our fellow clubs, to make a \$25.00 donation to your favorite charitable organization.*





## LOKOMAIKA'I OUTSTANDING LION

Lokomaika'i means to always act with generosity and kindness toward others. This year's outstanding Lion Lokomaika'i award goes to Lions who are recognized by their club leadership for really helping their club by going above and beyond, behind the scenes, and really helping their clubs function better. It is also awarded to Lions who have really helped our district move forward.

This month's edition we would like to recognize the following Lions:



### Lion Meli Watanuki Kalaupapa

Lion Meli has been a member of the Kalaupapa Lions for 35 years, although she says she has been a member since the 1960s.

This soon-to-be 91 year old is an active member and President of the club. The club members who are nurses or staff working on Kalaupapa are active because of her, and she keeps them going.



### Lion Mary Kamaile Macloves Kalaupapa

Lion Mary covers as President and secretary and helps Lion Meli plan the meetings, gets everyone together, and keeps the club going. The members

are very giving and supportive of Lion Meli and Lion Mary, a very loving 'ohana.



## Congratulations PDG Angie Haramoto!

PDG Angie was honored as a 2025 Outstanding Older American of Maui County. This award honors older adults who have contributed significantly to improving community life through their volunteer efforts.

“Angie Haramoto embodies the heart of community service and the power of compassionate leadership. A devoted member of the **Kahului**

**Lions Club** of Maui, Angie has spent her life lifting others, especially in times of great need. In the aftermath of the devastating August 2023 Maui wildfires, she emerged as a steady and passionate leader, spearheading relief efforts, coordinating volunteers, and using her deep network of relationships to bring hope and resources to displaced families.”

*Submitted by Lion Paul Seto*



# 2025-2026 CABINET MEETINGS

**AUG  
09  
10AM**

## 1ST QUARTER

Key Project, Kahalu'u, OAHU

Kina'ole Lions Club will be hosting a light lunch for all attendees. We are encouraging families & Leos to attend! The facility is reserved until 10pm.

We are planning on service and fun activities after lunch.

Please contact Lion Kalae if you or your club are interested in conducting a service project or activity after lunch. More details to come out in July!

**OCT  
25  
930AM**

## 2ND QUARTER

Lanakila Senior Center, Honolulu, OAHU

**JAN  
31**

## 3RD QUARTER

Kilauea Military Camp (KMC), ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

**APR  
23**

## 4TH QUARTER

Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Hilo, ISLAND OF HAWAI'I

All Cabinet Meetings will be Hybrid (In Person & Zoom)

Cabinet Members, Zone Chairs, and Committee Chairs are strongly encouraged to attend in person.

NOTE: Zoom will be open to Members and the public.

(Zoom Chat Room will be opened for questions on a limited basis, two way communication will be allowed only face to face)

# A Successful D50 Statewide Food Drive

Submitted by Lion Ellsworth Fujii, Hunger Awareness Chair



**W**OW, another awesome effort by the Lions at the D50 Statewide Stamp Out Hunger Day Food Drive!

This food drive was held on the State’s four most populous islands. The monetary and food donations reflect the generosity of the public. There were 92 Lions, 25 Leos, Ms. Kimberly Kaya, and 10 HOSA (Future Health Professionals known as Health Occupations Students of America) members from Maui High School participating in this statewide project. Collectively, we received over \$4,000 in monetary donations and 1,800 pounds of canned goods and non-perishable foods. The collections were distributed to food banks and pantries on their respective islands. We also collected \$400 in monetary donations through the Hawai’i Foodbank virtual donation page.

The success of this project was due to the great job of the Point of Contacts:

- Walmart stores at Maui Kahului:  
Paul Seto, **Kahului LC**
- Walmart stores at Kauai Lihue:  
Crystal Caday-Bargayo, **East Kauai LC**
- KTA Stores (Puainako, Kailua-Kona, Waimea, and Waikoloa) on Island of Hawai’i:  
DG-Elect Sean Benito, **Hilo Crescent City LC**

These Lions recruited Lions and other volunteers, collected donations, took photos/videos, and helped spread the word to help fight hunger.

At the State Capitol, Danny

Tengan (**Hawaii Cyber LC**) delivered a pallet to store collected food items, and Eric Kvick (**Hawaii Kai LC**) brought tents, tables, and chairs for food collection and registration/cashier teams. Yolisa Ishibashi and Cynthia Chun (both from **Hawaii Kai LC**) took care of registration and handled the monetary donations. There were **Leos** from **Moanalua High School** and **Kaiser High School** who lined up alongside Lions on Punchbowl and South Beretania Streets to collect monetary donations. Lions Pamela Young (**Mililani LC**), Chris Aguinaldo (**Hawaii Cyber LC**), Richard Ching (**Koko Head LC**), and Glenn Teraoka (**Pali LC**) took photos and videos at the State Capitol.

Thank you to Irwin Santos (**Kamehameha LC**) for contacting the media to publicize the food drive and providing footage for the media to



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use. I saw coverage of our project at the 6 pm and 10 pm news on KHON2. The public saw that Lions and Leos support our global cause to improve food insecurity and alleviate hunger.

And a HUGE thank you to all the Lions who participated in this statewide Food Drive.

### MAUI (Kahului)



### HAWAII (Hilo)



### HAWAII (Waimea)



### HAWAII (Waikoloa)



## D50 Lions in Action

### Wai'uli Beach Clean Up

**Waiakea Lions** were blessed with nice weather for their project. They raked and collected **37 bags** of green waste. Wai'uli Beach Park is a small park east of Hilo that is surrounded by ponds and protected swimming areas. A plaque on the grounds documents the 1968 Lions club initiative that led to park improvements including covered pavilions, BBQ pits, showers, paved walkways and parking.



*Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai*



Lions Ken, Eugene, President Sean, Wayne, Belinda, and PDG George



PDG George, CIS Loreto, and Lion Belinda working hard



### Fo' Da Ohanahood!

Lions Wayne & Carol Kuwaye (**Waiakea**) delivered a photo album created for PID Maurice Kahawaii (**Kona**) at the D50 Convention by Lion Renee Ako (**Koko Head**).

PID Maurice was so happy to see all the familiar faces!

*Submitted by Lion Wayne Kuwaye*

### Hawaii Kai Lions Club Saves Lives

The news media reported that a cliff jumper was rescued from Spitting Caves on May 15th

through the use of a rescue tube. Read the story [here](#). Rescue tubes are flotation devices used to help rescue a swimmer in distress. The **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** raises money to purchase and distribute rescue tubes. Read about the Rescue Tube Project on the [Hawaii Kai Lions Club website](#).



*Submitted by Lion Allen Umeda*

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### Congratulations!

In April, PIP Al & Maureen Brandel visited Maui and delivered five Lions International President Fabrício Oliveira's Certificates of Appreciation. These prestigious awards were presented to Maui's Incident Response Team for their accomplishments for the residents and communities of Lahaina. Congratulations, PDG Joseph, PDG Angie, PDG Mark, Lion Paul & the **Lahaina Lions Club**.

*Submitted by Lion Paul Seto*

### Kahalu'u Lions Club

*Submitted by Lion Kalae Kukahiko*

Quarterly Adopt a Highway cleanup event on Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u.



Welcoming our **Kahalu'u Lions Club** Scholarship recipient during our General Membership meeting on May 18, 2025.

### Mahalo Lion Harvey Ouchi

Lion Harvey Ouchi, **Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club** was recently awarded the PDG Tokuo Tani Fellowship at the D50 Hawaii Lions Annual Convention for his generous donation to the Hawaii Lions Foundation.

*Submitted by Lion Wendell Hosea*



Lion Harvey assisting with our food distribution project.

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### After the fire: support & solidarity

On May 28th, PDG Joe, PDG Angie, and D46 Nevada/California GLT Dahleen Kendler met at Marco's Grill & Deli in Maui to share their experiences of wildfires in Lahaina and Reno.

*Submitted by ZC Paul Seto*



## Lions Clubs Celebrate America's Newest Citizens

Submitted by Lion Gracie Proute

My thanks to the many Lions and veterans who volunteered to help out this year. You all did an excellent job!

This is my last report. This year, our committee greeted and congratulated **1,442** new citizens and attended **33** ceremonies. It has been a fun year. Thank you again for all of your support. A hui hou.  
Lion Gracie Proute



Lion Gracie,

We will all miss you. Good luck in your new life on the mainland. You did an excellent job as Citizenship Chair.

Mahalo from Lion Aileen Deese, the Lions of Aloha Pono & District 50 Hawaii Lions

# Kahului Lions Club International Club Twinning

Submitted by ZC Lion Paul Seto

ZC Lion Paul Seto recently traveled to China and established an International Club Twinning Program between the **Kahului Lions Club of Maui** and the **Group Volunteer Team Lions Club of District 386, Zhejiang, China, Region South**. D50 DG Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita and D386 DG Yong Bi approved this relationship.



The International Club Twinning Program is a reciprocal program between clubs from different countries. Its purpose is to maintain and develop closer relationships between clubs and to encourage the spirit of International Lionism with exchanges of friendship and culture. This program may take years of relationship building and strategic planning.

As the Zone Chair in the MD20 New York/ Bermuda Region, ZC Lion Paul met D381 Charter Lions Club President Jack

Xia from Canton, China. They completed several service projects together in New York City.



ZC Lion Paul with DG Yong Bi



ZC Lion Paul with Qunxin Lions Club President Lion Wang Yanhui

In 2023, on a trip to Shanghai, China, Lion Paul was introduced to D386 1st VDG Yong Bi. D386 has 145 Lion clubs and 4,600 Lion members. In 2024, they met several times, shared best practices together, and began the club twinning process.

**D386 Lions Club** is planning to visit Hawaii and work with the **Kahului Lions Club** on community service projects together.



Twinning Club Celebration including Club Charter President Lion Lee (1st from right) and DG CIS Lion Anthony Lee (2nd from right)



Moanalua Lions Club

## Ala Wai Genki Ball Project

Submitted by Lion Gracie Proute

The **Moanalua Lions Club** members, along with members of the public, happily volunteered on May 3rd at the Ala Wai Genki Ball Project. To give good vibes to the genki balls we were making, great music was playing while we sifted the special soil, rice bran, and a concoction of good microbes mixed with molasses. We sang, danced, and *talked story* with the other volunteers as we shaped the mixture into balls.

**1,044** genki balls were made! The balls that were made on this day will be cured for about two weeks. After making the balls, we proceeded to the shore of the Ala Wai and yelled “Genki Hou!” before tossing the balls that had been made by Manoa Elementary Students and the University of Hawaii Surfriders Club.

The water bottles provided to quench our thirst were collected and donated to “Bottles4College Hawaii,” an organization that collects bottles to help the environment and fund college tuition for Hawaii kids.

We had fun getting our hands dirty and getting to know other volunteers. We shall continue to volunteer and help them reach the goal of deploying **300,000 genki balls!**



Honolulu Kina'ole Lions Club

# Na Leo Kina'ole: Voice of Honolulu Kina'ole

Submitted by Lion Pat Young

**Success**



Volunteerism serving the County of Honolulu! **Congratulations** to Trip Hiramoto, who has been offered and accepted

participation in a County Task Committee on Solid Waste Recycling. The purpose of the committee is to review solid waste recycling practices of other countries and assess the cost-effectiveness and adaptability to Hawaii. Trip is the Environmental Chair of our Pillar Committees and is studying to be an Engineer. An opportunity provided by the **Honolulu Kina'ole Lions Club**, sharing a vision.



Lions Trip, Chris, Bill, Alwin, Kimo and Anna.

**Success**



Anna Averionn is studying to be a Pediatric Doctor and is our Children's Cancer Chair of the Pillar Committees. She is working with the Executive Director of the Hawaii Children's

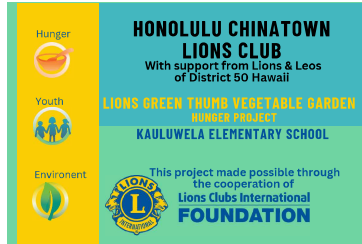
Cancer Foundation, HCCF. This collaboration will result in providing heightened awareness of Children's Cancer in Hawaii at the Hawaii REBI Golf Tournament happening on June 25, 2025, with the majority of the proceeds going to HCCF. Also, on June 21, 2025, the **Kina'ole Lions** have created a fundraising opportunity with Battery Bill via his Ewaste recycling initiative, and the recipient will be HCCF.

An open invitation to any Lion to volunteer at this event to serve Children's Cancer. Contact Lion Kathy Higa at [kathyhiga@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyhiga@yahoo.com). An opportunity provided by the **Honolulu Kina'ole Lions Club** and going for MULTIPLE WINS!

**Success**



The **Kina'ole Lions** took charge of the two Foodbank Booths during the Spam Jam. Organizing and applying strategic planning in procuring monetary donations were among the tasks completed, resulting in raising just over \$9,300 during the night of the event. This will help provide food for nearly \$20,000 meals. Thank you to all the volunteers, including **Koko Head Lions!** Appreciation to Lynn Muneno, our Hunger Pillar Committee Chair, assisted by Alwin Ho.



**Kauluwela Green Thumb Vegetable Garden** was launched by the Honolulu Chinatown Lions with *much kokua* from other Lions and Leos.

First thing first, during the months of August to November 2024, we built the storage shed and assembled 20 raised garden boxes, dug a shallow trench for the water pipe and installed the irrigation drip hoses. With much appreciation, the **Hawaii**



**Kai Lions (Ells, Frances, and Kevin)** figured out the connections between the 1,000 jigsaw pieces. Many hours later, the storage shed was up and ready to store bags of soil, garden boxes and garden tools.

Then onward to the next phase. This time, the **Leos from Roosevelt, Farrington, Sacred Hearts** and their advisors lend *a lot of kokua* with building the garden boxes, digging the trench, prepping the ground, and carrying the 50lb bags of soil to fill the garden boxes. Mahalo to **Leo Advisors and Lions Steve Yoshimura, Cindy Mercado and Whitney Grohowski.**



Now that the garden boxes were ready, we had set a date with the students from the Kauluwela Kulia Project and their teachers to plant the vegetable seeds. This was in November, and the rain came! The second date was set, and the rain came! We had to cancel both days of planting with the students, but we couldn't delay getting the seeds into the soil. One afternoon



when the sun came out, the teachers and students were prepared and planted the seeds without our help.

Fast forward after months of the seeds germinating and growing, and students watering and learning about vegetables, the garden came to life--in a way! Here is a short update from the teachers: "The garden has taken some shape, however; it has been a particularly challenging season where things haven't gone as we hoped. A few plants have sprouted from the seedlings and have taken root from what we had transplanted. We realize that our garden has faced several obstacles that have affected its growth. Despite our best efforts in preparing the soil, planting from seedlings or replanting, and providing water, we have noticed that many of our plants struggled. Despite these challenges, I believe it's essential to focus on the positive aspects of our gardening experience. We have learned valuable lessons about resilience and adaptability. Together, we are exploring solutions, such as adjusting our watering schedule, and applying organic pest control methods."



Before...

After...



Chinatown Lions are committed to the Green Thumb Garden and we have plans for the next school year. Stay tuned, we have a farmer volunteering. Look for our evites to sign-up for workdays, and as always, mahalo nui for the spirit of Lions helping Lions!



Submitted by Lion Pam Lee, Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club

Moanalua Lions Club

# A Symphony of Connection: Sharing Aloha at Family Promise

Submitted by Lion Eddie Lisuzzo



The air at the Family Promise Navigation Center recently vibrated with more than just conversation – it resonated with the joyful strumming of ukuleles, a testament to the **Moanalua Lions Club's** heartfelt visit. Club members brought not only a delicious home-cooked meal of spaghetti, garlic bread, brownies, and fresh fruit, but also the gift of music and camaraderie to the center's residents.

Lion Pono, with a vision for connection, arranged for the talented Larry Santos to lead a ukulele lesson. An eager crowd of adults and children, their faces alight with anticipation, was each provided with a ukulele. What unfolded in the next ten minutes was nothing short of magical. The simple yet uplifting melody of "Three Little Birds" filled the room as nearly thirty individuals, many of whom had never held the instrument before, found a shared rhythm. The sound, surprisingly harmonious, spoke volumes about the unifying power of music.

While the ukulele lesson struck a chord with many, Lions Gracie and Lili thoughtfully provided alternative avenues for engagement. They organized a delightful array of games and crafts, ensuring that every child present had an opportunity to participate and enjoy the evening's festivities.

The evening transcended the simple act of sharing a meal and a lesson. It blossomed into a truly wonderful and magical experience, where the invisible barriers that might have existed between the members of the **Moanalua Lions Club** and the residents of Family Promise dissolved. They were, for that precious time, all on the same music sheet, creating a beautiful melody of shared humanity and aloha. This heartwarming initiative serves as a powerful reminder of the profound impact that simple acts of kindness and connection can have on building community and fostering hope.

Hilo Crescent City Leo Club

## A Leo Advisor's Reflection: Three Years of Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity



Submitted by Lion Sean Benito

**A**s I sit here reflecting on the past year with our **Hilo Crescent City Leo Club**, my heart fills with an overwhelming sense of pride and gratitude. When we established this club in November 2021, I could never have imagined the incredible young leaders these youth would become or the profound impact they would have on our Hilo community.

The acronym LEO—Leadership, Experience, and Opportunity—has proven to be more than just words on paper. I have witnessed these principles come alive through the dedication and enthusiasm of our remarkable young members.

### Leadership in Action

Month after month, I've watched our Leos set up tables in front of KTA Super Stores for our lavosh fundraisers. What strikes me most is not just their commitment to showing up, but how naturally they've stepped into leadership roles. They organize themselves, engage with community members, and work together seamlessly to support local causes. These aren't just fundraising events—they're master classes in civic engagement and teamwork.

The food drives we organized in September 2024 and again this past May demonstrated their growing understanding of food insecurity in our community. Watching them sort donations, coordinate with local food banks, and genuinely care about ensuring no family goes hungry showed me that these young people truly grasp the weight of service.

### Experience Beyond the Classroom

The diversity of our activities this year has provided our Leos with experiences they simply cannot get in a traditional classroom

setting. From the joy and creativity they brought to the KTA Halloween Haunted House to the tenderness they showed while organizing diapers for the Hawai'i Diaper Bank, each event has been a lesson in empathy and community connection.

Their participation in the Keiki Christmas Toy Drive through the Lualaba Program was particularly moving. To see teenagers sacrifice their own Saturday mornings to ensure that children in our community would have gifts under the tree exemplifies the spirit of aloha that runs deep in these young hearts.

The Lions in Sight program, where we collected recycled eyeglasses, may have seemed like a simple task, but I observed our Leos asking thoughtful questions about global health disparities and the impact of vision care accessibility. These moments remind me that service opens minds and broadens perspectives in ways that textbooks cannot.

### Opportunity to Grow and Give

Perhaps the most humbling experience was helping with parking at the Annual Merrie Monarch Festival. Here, our Leos were part of something larger than themselves, supporting one of Hawai'i's most cherished cultural celebrations. They approached this responsibility with the respect and reverence it deserved, understanding that they were contributing to the preservation and sharing of Hawaiian culture.

Our third anniversary celebration at White Guava Cafe was bittersweet in the best possible way. As I looked around the table at these young faces, I realized I wasn't just seeing the club members they are today, but

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*Hilo Crescent City Leos at the Merrie Monarch Festival Parking Service Project.*

glimpsing the community leaders they will become tomorrow.

**What Inspires Me Most**

What continues to amaze me is their genuine joy in service. These are teenagers who could easily spend their Saturdays sleeping in, hanging out with friends, or pursuing personal interests. Instead, they choose to show up for their community. They laugh together while sorting donations, they problem-solve as a team when challenges arise, and they celebrate each other's contributions.

I've learned as much from them as I hope they've learned from our experiences together. They've taught me about resilience, shown me the power of collective action, and reminded me daily why investing in young people is one of the most important things we can do as a community.

**Looking Forward**

As we continue into our fourth year, I am filled with excitement about what lies ahead for our Hilo Crescent City Leos. These young people have already proven they have the Leadership to guide positive change, the Experience to understand their community's needs, and the wisdom to recognize Opportunity when it presents itself.

To each of our Leo members: you inspire me every single day. Your commitment to service, your genuine care for others, and your infectious enthusiasm remind me why this work matters. You are not just the leaders of tomorrow—you are the leaders of today, making a real difference in the lives of your neighbors and friends right here in Hilo.

Thank you for the privilege of walking alongside you on this journey. The future of our community is bright because of young people like you.

With deep appreciation and aloha,  
*A grateful Leo Advisor, Hilo Crescent City Leos Club*  
 Unko Sean

*The Hilo Crescent City Leos will be joining fellow D50 Leos at KMC on the Island of Hawai'i for their annual Leo Conference (May 31 - June 3).*

“ You can't get very far until you start doing something for someone else. ”

**Melvin Jones**  
*Founder, Lions Club International*



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Lion Gary Nip, LCIF D50 Coordinator

**Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF)** is not an award; rather, it is a recognition given to humanitarians who have donated \$1,000. LCIF tracks all donations, no matter the amount and when it reaches \$1,000 Lions can apply for an MJF or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF). When you donate to LCIF, please identify your name and Lions ID number.

As the D50 LCIF Coordinator, I receive a monthly report of Lions and their donations to date. When it reaches \$1,000, I will alert you that you can now apply for (P)MJF; it is not automatic. After the \$1,000 credits are used for the (P)MJF, the report reverts to \$0 and builds the next time you donate. Let me know if you want to know what your current balance is. Several Lions asked, donated the balance to reach \$1,000, and applied for their next (P)MJF in time for the 2025 D50 Convention.

At the 2025 D50 Convention, we held a special LCIF event. Our international guest was Immediate Past International President (IPIP) Dr Patti Hill. She is the current LCIF Chairperson and pinned several D50 Lions like Lion Renee Ako (**Koko Head**) and Lion David Iwana (**Hawaii Kai**) (see photos below).



*Lion Renee was honored and nervous, meeting IPIP Dr. Patti Hill.*



*Lion David with IPIP Dr. Patti Hill & PID Bob Lee*

There were many positive comments, so we will plan an LCIF event at the next D50 Convention in Hilo in 2026. Our international guest will be Past International President Brian Sheehan, and he is also a big proponent of LCIF. Hope to see many of you receive your (P)MJF pins and get “pinned” at the next D50 Convention.

**PLEASE DONATE TO LCIF**

BY CHECK: PAYABLE TO LCIF

Mail to: Lions Clubs International Foundation  
Department 4547  
Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

ONLINE:

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**PDG Cecelia Izuo, Global Membership Team Coordinator**

Our Lion's year is not over yet. Please continue to invite community minded individuals to your club. You can utilize the following form. The more Lions we have in our club, the more hands to serve.



Want to give back to your community? Lions Clubs offer many ways to help others and your community.

Along with service, you will have many opportunities to enhance your leadership skills while you enjoy the fellowship of kindhearted people. Join us at our next service project.

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# **Dim Sum After Park Clean Up**



**June 7th, 2025  
10AM-2PM  
At Smith Beretania Park**



**Join Chinatown Lions by signing up here:**

**<https://bit.ly/dimsumafterthepark>**

**Afterwards, let's enjoy some Dim Sum at Legend's  
Seafood Restaurant.  
(Price for dim sum TBA)**



**Contact Us  
Jenny White, Chinatown  
Pam Lee, Chinatown**

Lions & Friends Welcome!

# SPAGHETTI DINNER

*Kamehameha Lions*

77th Installation Dinner

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59 North Vineyard  
Fellowship @6pm  
Dinner & Program  
6:30PM - 8:30PM

TUESDAY  
JUNE  
**10**

\$30 Spaghetti (all meals include soft drink, tax & tip)

\$35 Hamburger Steak - Chili & Chicken - Korean Fried Chicken Salad



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NIGHT**

**Tuesday, June 24, 2025**

Dinner - BYO Drinks - Games

Palolo Chinese Home  
2459 10th Ave, Honolulu, HI 96816

Doors open at: 5:30pm

**\$20/Person**

**RSVP by June 13, 2025**

To RSVP please contact:

Jaci Yokogawa



CHINATOWN LIONS



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JUNE 26TH | \$50 | AT 5:30PM

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