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Cabinet Meetings

1st Quarter - Aug. 9, 2025 Key Project, OAHU

2nd Quarter - Oct. 25, 2025 Lanakila Senior Center, OAHU

3rd Quarter - Jan. 31, 2026 Kilauea Military Camp, HAWAI'I

4th Quarter - Apr. 23, 2026 Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, HAWAI'I

Clubs Featured in this Issue

Akaka Falls Aloha Pono Baguio City Host (Philippines) Bair Island Cyber (California) Chinatown East Kauai Hamakua Hawaii Kai Hawaii Mililani L4L Hibiscus Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited

Cyber Leo-Lion

Kahalu'u

Kailua-Kona

Kalakaua

Kamehameha

Kāne'ohe

Kona Healthy Leo-Lion Lanai City Lanai HS Leos Manoa Mililani Mililani CC&C Branch Moanalua HS Leos Palolo **Pearl City** Honolulu Healthy Roosevelt HS Leos Wahiawa Waiakea Waikiki 2000 Waikoloa

Kina'ole

Koko Head

Kona

District Governor's Message

Aloha Lions of District 50,

As we prepare to begin the new Lions year on July 1st, I do so with deep humility and a sincere sense of responsibility. It is an honor to serve as your District Governor for 2025–2026, and I look forward to working alongside each of you to continue the proud tradition of service that defines our district.



I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to Immediate Past District Governor Lori Inouye-Yamashita and her team for their outstanding leadership this past year. Their dedication and vision have led to significant growth and have set a high standard for us to follow. Thanks to their efforts, our district is entering this new year with incredible momentum and enthusiasm.

Our goals for this year, as outlined by Lions Clubs International, are clear:

- Recruit 228 new members across our 56 existing clubs
- · Charter one new club within the district
- Achieve a net growth of +1 in membership by year-end

In alignment with International President AP Singh's vision, we will also focus on welcoming younger members (age 45 and under), empowering more women to serve, and striving for the prestigious Club Excellence Award.

To achieve the Club Excellence Award, clubs are encouraged to:

- Achieve a net membership growth of +2
- Complete at least three service projects, including one addressing a global cause such as mental health
- Contribute an average of \$10 per member to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)
- Ensure dues are paid on time and maintain good organizational standing

2025-2026 District 50 Leadership

District Governor Sean Benito

First Vice District Governor Cedric Mitsui

Second Vice
District Governor
Tony Tassillio

Immediate Past
District Governor
Lori Inouye-Yamashita

Honorary District Governor PDG Blayne Hanagami

Past International Director
Maurice Kahawaii

Past International Director
Robert Lee

Cabinet Secretary
David Iwana

Cabinet Treasurer
Nikki Loh

Sergeant at Arms Charles Ortiz

Board of Governors

ChairpersonPDG Gary Nip

Vice Chairperson PDG C.J. Kalopodes

Secretary

PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita
PDG Garrett Ogawa
PDG Mitch Tam
DG Sean Benito

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Submissions

Lion Renee Ako, Editor
Please email submissions for the
August issue by July 25th to
leoliona@hawaiilions.org

 Promote club activities through social media or local media channels

Additionally, I strongly encourage every club to begin each meeting and service project by reciting the Lions Pledge. This practice helps us remain focused on our core mission and united in our purpose to serve.

Stay connected for regular updates, district highlights, and service opportunities:

Facebook: Sean Benito & Lion Bruddah Sean

Instagram: @bruddahsean

Together, let us lead with aloha, serve with compassion, and build a stronger future for all. I look forward to an incredible year of service, growth, and impact.

With warmest aloha, Lion Bruddah Sean District Governor 2025–2026

#AlohaPower #LeadWithAloha #D50Lions



The August newsletter will be delayed while I take a short break. Thank you for your understanding. ~Lion Renee, Editor



July 1, 2025

To: District 50 Hawaii Lions

Re: The Hawaii Lions Foundation 2nd Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser June 20, 2025

Aloha District 50 Hawaii Lions,

Mahalo Nui for your generous support of our 2nd Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser by being a Sponsor, a Golfer, a monetary/In-kind Donor, or Volunteer. You are all truly appreciated. Please know that The Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii remains the primary focus of HLF, and the Foundation also continues to support the Lions clubs of District 50 Hawaii in serving their local communities as they carry out essential sight, hearing and other humanitarian, service and community projects.

MAHALO NUI LOA,

Honorary Chair
Past International Director
Robert Lee

Tournament Co-Chair District Governor Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita Tournament Chair
Hawaii Lions Foundation President
Roberta Jenkins

Tournament Co-Chair Past District Governor Chris Kalopodes

Tournament Committee
PDG Kelvin Moniz | PDG Bernard Ho | PDG Roy Nishida | Steve Wong
Dan Motohiro | Robert Piimauna | Karen Bell | Roberta Jenkins | Thelma Aiwohi



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!

Lion Dustin Devera



Sponsor: Lion Tobey Duldulao

Lion Hanale Kamakawiwoole



Sponsor: Lion Tsulan Kamakawiwoole Lion Tsulan Kamakawiwoole





Sponsor:

Lion Tsulan Kamakawiwoole



Sponsor: Lion Jaci Yokoyama

Lion Vincent Lee



Sponsor: Lion Shasta Yamada

Lion Dan Omura



Sponsor: Lion Jaci Yokoyama

Lion Roche Selguera



Sponsor: Lion Shasta Yamada

Kamehameha Lions Club's New Pin

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos



The artist, Randy Shiroma has created all 3 versions of the "Proud Lions," the Pali Lions Club pin, and the "Na Maka 'O Liona" series.

One of the designs in that series was never put to print and is being used as the new pin design for the Kamehameha Lions Club. Pincenter.com will produce the pins.







Aloha D50 Lions, PID, DG, 1st VDGE, PDGs, Lions & CIS,

A quick aloha from 2nd VDG Lion Tony . I'm here for all Lions in the Great 50th State!

 May 30- June 2, 2025: Hawaii Island hosted the D50 Leos Conference at KMC. An awesome learning time for Leos, their advisors, and Lion advisors. Thank you DG Lori, Lion James, Lion Chaz, CIS Julie, CIS Carol, Lion Wayne, Lion Clifford, and all who washed, trimmed, cut, cooked, and served. Thanks for your hard work for our D50 Leos. Thank you for making it an awesome event.

- June 7, 2025: The Kona Lions Club Annual Pancake breakfast, serving Kona, Hawaii's community, was a terrific event. Raising funds for both Lions and Leo Clubs. In the middle of the event, Kona Lions started a new Leo to Lions Club with 25 new Lions. Thank you, PDG Mitch and Lion Cheryl, for your awesome work.
- June 16, 2025: Next was the Kona Lions Club's 91st Charter Night Celebration! We had Kailua-Kona Lions Club, Waikoloa Lions, PDG Chris and ZC Lion Lee, Waiakea LC, and Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited, Bair Island Cyber Lions Club with 1st VDGE Lion Jimmy Ness. It was a wonderful time. Thank you, Lions of Kona Hawaii.
- June 21, 2025: This past weekend, Region 7 had its Lions Legacy project. Hilo Lions (9), Waiakea Lions (6), Akaka Falls Lions (1), Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited (1), filled a full commercial business garbage can and 28 55-gallon trash bags. We had different Lions coming and going throughout the morning from the 7:15 am start. We were pau by 11:45 a.m. The Lions made the Lions Legacy Park a beautiful site. Thank you to all the Lions of East Hawaii.
- June 28, 2025: Next up was Waiakea Lions Club's 75th Charter Anniversary Day. Thank you, Waiakea Lions, for your service.

Please call me with your concerns, your questions, or your ideas. (808) 498-8900

Thank you, D50 Lions, for your time, service, and all that you do for Lionism.

Thank you all!
We are Lions. We Serve.
"WE SERVE ALL"

Much Aloha, Aloha No, 2nd VDG Lion Tony (Anthony Kaluhikai Tassillio)



Upcoming Zoom Meetings You Won't Want to Miss!

Sunday, July 27th @ 6:30 p.m. Health & Wellness Webinar: GUT HEALTH

Presenter: Lion Dr. James Yamashita

Monday, July 28th @ 6:30 p.m. Best Practices:

NEW CLUBS & GUIDING LIONS

Join us for a dynamic workshop on forming new Lions clubs and becoming a certified Guiding Lion, where you'll learn how to support, mentor, and empower new clubs to thrive in their first two years.

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

Facebook "Going Green"

Jul 5 Wahiawa Hongwanji Mission

12 Mililani Mauka Elementary School

19 Ewa Hongwanji Mission

Aug 2 Mo'ili'ili Community Center

14 DAGS/DLNR Basement-Kalanimoku Bldg

16 Kahala Elementary School

30 Makaha Elementary School





REMINDER! Club Excellence Award

IS YOUR LIONS CLUB STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE? MAKE SURE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED FOR IT!

THE CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD HONORS CLUBS THAT GO ABOVE AND BEYOND IN FIVE ESSENTIAL AREAS:



Leadership & Organizational Excellence

Your club must:

- Be in Good Standing no unpaid balances over \$50 past due 90 days or more.
- Report club officers for the new year to LCI.
- · Ensure key officers participate in official training, whether through the District, Multiple District, Lions Learning Center, or International offerings.

Strong clubs are built on informed and engaged leaders.



Your club must show a net growth of at least 2 members or 10% increase in membership (whichever is greater), or your club must have chartered a new Lions club during the year.

Growing our clubs helps grow our impact!



Service Impact

Your club must:

- · Start a new service project (consider global causes like hunger, childhood cancer, environment, vision, or diabetes), and
- · Report at least three service activities to Lions International.

Showcase how your club is changing lives through action!



LCIF Support

Your club must contribute a minimum of US\$10 per member to Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) based on your club's year-end membership

Example: If your club has 25 members, the minimum donation is \$250.

Supporting LCIF powers grants and global humanitarian efforts.



Marketing & Public Relations

Your club must publicize its service activities through local media or social media platforms. Include a link or proof of promotion with your

Let the world know what your club is doingvisibility attracts members and support!





Clubs that qualify for the standard Club Excellence Award can apply for the 5 Star Excellence Award by meeting these additional requirements:

- Membership increase of 20% (or at least 5 new members for small clubs)
- LCIF donation of \$20 per member or a total of \$1,000, whichever is less
- Submission of both service and membership reports for the year

IMPORTANT DEADLINE

Applications Due: August 31, 2025

Email applications to: clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org Awards will be mailed to the 2025-2026 District Governors

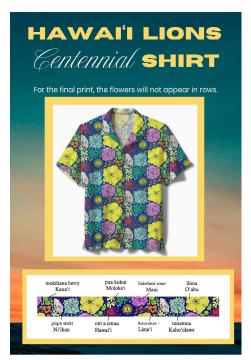
Download the application and view full details here: www.lionsclubs.org

Questions? Contact Lions International



clubexcellenceaward@lionsclubs.org (630) 468-6828





CENTENNIAL ALOHA SHIRT

On October 11, 1926, the first Lions Club in Hawaii was chartered - the *Pan Pacific Lions Club*, which eventually became the *Lions Club of Honolulu*.

Thus, we will be celebrating the centennial of Lions service in Hawaii at the District 50 convention in April of 2027. To commemorate this momentous event, we are offering a centennial aloha shirt to highlight the District's celebration.

For the past decade, we have been using our 2015 Honolulu International Convention shirt as our de facto district uniform. It's time for a change and the centennial celebration would be a fantastic opportunity for us to do so.

The Centennial Committee requested Mr. Scott Harano, a graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design, to create an aloha shirt commemorating the centennial and the Lions of Hawaii. His brilliant design incorporates the colors, flowers and symbols of all the main islands of Hawaii. It beautifully represents and unites all of us as one Lions District.

After looking at several vendors and numerous shirt samples, the committee selected Reyn Spooner to fabricate the dark blue shirt. The shirt is what Reyn labels as "performance button front", which means an easy maintenance, lightweight, ultra-soft, stretch fabric with moister wicking and UPF sun protection properties. All of us living in Hawaii recognize the quality of Reyn Spooner shirts.

The cost of the shirt is \$85.00, which may seem high until you recognize that this is a limited quantity, custom ordered shirt. Comparable Reyn shirts retail for \$120.00. The shirts will come in both men's (XS to 4XL) and women's (XS to 2XL) cut and fit.

Unfortunately, the only way we will be able to produce the shirt, is to take **pre-orders and full payment up front**, as Reyn requires a substantial down payment to start the manufacture of the shirts.

Since production and shipping will require a lead time of approximately 4 to 6 months, we will need to have all orders and payment in hand no later than September 30, 2025. We will not be able to offer any more shirts after the pre-sale is completed, as quantities will be limited only to the production run. Thus, if you are contemplating purchasing more than one shirt for yourself, you must do so at this time as no other opportunities will be offered, due to the high minimum number of shirts required per production run.

We hope to have the shirts ready for distribution and pickup by the start of March, 2026, just in time for our annual District convention in April and the International convention in July. Sales will be done online, with additional Information and links to the website coming soon. Get your credit card ready!

Mahalo,

Lion Bob Lee

Build Your 14-Day Disaster Supply Kit

Submitted by PDG Garrett Ogawa, Emergency Awareness

Fellow Lions! We are one month into Hurricane Season. If you have not prepared a 14-day Emergency Kit, please do so now!

Also, in the wake of the bombings of Iranian facilities, the Department of Homeland Security, security, and law enforcement are asking the public to remain vigilant.

"If you see something, say something."

Department of Emergency Management:

Build Your 14-Day Disaster Supply Kit & Evacuation Go Bag

Lions, Be Prepared!





Aloha Power Rising: Let's Go Make A Difference!

Facebook: Sean Benito & Lion Bruddah Sean

Instagram: @bruddahsean





A Few Oahu Charters & Officer Installations...

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha, Public Relations)

Photos & Video by Lion Pamela Young (Miliani) & Lion Irwin Santos

Visit the **Hawaii Lions Facebook page** to see all the photos & local TV segments

It's that time of year where all clubs move forward with a new slate of officers for the next fiscal year. The officer installation events come with fun and yummy food. For a few of the clubs it was also their Charter recognition. Check out Facebook for all the photos & videos!



Palolo & Kalakaua May 27, 2025 Palolo Chinese Home



Kamehameha June 10, 2025 Zippy's Vineyard



Kahaluʻu June 22, 2025 Mapuana's Hale



Chinatown
June 26, 2025
Hawaii Dim Sum & Seafood Restaurant





Kaneohe
June 28, 2025
Hale A'o Room, Windward Community
College

Serving Together

D50 Lions in Action



Dear Mr. Isuruma and the Reurl City Lions Club, Thank you very much to you and all the volunteers that came to conduct the hearing screening at Rearl Ridge Elementary School. We appreciate the service you provided. Hope to see you next year. Mahalo, Pearl Ridge Elementary School



Hearing Screening with the Pearl City Lions Club

Pearlridge Elementary
School sent the **Pearl City Lions** a wonderful thank-you card from students who underwent hearing screening. Way to go, Lions!
D50 volunteers made this possible.

Submitted by Lion Tad Tsuruma



Bingo Tournament

The Lanai City Lions held a bingo tournament at the Lanai Senior Center. All players received a prize, and additional prizes were awarded for special games. The Lions also donated a supply of prizes for the Center's monthly bingo games and will provide the Center a set of new bingo cards.

Submitted by Lion Deborah dela Cruz





Shown in the picture is big winner Gloria Belista, along with her prizes and Lion Donna Schaumburg.





Lions Serve with Heart: Honoring the Past Through Cemetery Care
On Memorial Day, the Lanai High and Elementary School Leo Club, along with the Lanai City
Lions Club participated in a community clean-up of the Lanai public cemetery. Led by Leo
Club President Hannah Lee and fed by the Lanai City Lions, the two clubs focused on
cleaning the veterans' area of the cemetery and placing floral arrangements on the
headstones. Submitted by Lion Deborah dela Cruz



Pan Pacific Parade

On June 15th, Hawaii Lions joined hundreds of performers from Hawaii and around the world for the grand finale of the 42nd Pan Pacific Festival. The festival is an international cultural celebration of friendships, goodwill, and understanding.

Submitted by Lion Rene Mansho

Lions Club of Honolulu at Work!

Lions Club of Honolulu members participated in an Adopt A Highway cleanup project on May 31st.

Submitted by

Lion Abe Wong







59th Charter Anniversary

The Kahalu'u Lions Club celebrated their 59th Charter anniversary and the installation of new officers.

Photo courtesy of Lion Irwin Santos Submitted by Lion Kalae Kukahiko



PDG Garrett Ogawa (Manoa) and new Lion Tsulan Kamakawiwoole (Koko Head) reunited at April's Going Green project at Aliiolani Elementary School.

PDG Garrett was Lion Tsulan's volleyball coach at Roosevelt High School. Submitted by PDG Garrett Ogawa



Waiakea Lions Club Officer Installation

2025-2026 officers were installed by DG Lori at WLC's 75th Charter Anniversary.

Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai

You can read more about their festivities in the upcoming pages of this newsletter.

Kāne'ohe Lions Club

Lion Ernie Abaya's Celebration of Life

photos & local TV segments

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

Photos by Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha)
Visit the <u>Hawaii Lions Facebook page</u> to see all the

There were a few hundred people out there, including friends, family, and more than 20 Lions Club members, gathered to honor the life of Lion Ernie Abaya at a Celebration of Life held at 'Ewa Beach Park (also known as Pu'uloa Beach Park) on May 31, 2025.

Ernie was the President of the **Kāne** ohe **Lions Club** 2024-2025 and had worked in Kāne ohe, although he lived in 'Ewa Beach. CIS Barbara often drove Ernie back and forth between the two towns.





Lion Irwin Santos' discussion with Ernie at the 2nd Cabinet meeting held on the Farrington High School campus:

Irwin: "With your visual impairment, has any of your other senses been heightened?"

Ernie: "Yes...I can hear a silent fut from way across the room."





Lion Ernie, you will be missed.



East Kauai Lions Club

Where Service Shines

Submitted by Lion John Ochoco

Sight is Beautiful Poster Awards Assembly

The **East Kauai Lions** presented a cash gift to Elsie H. Wilcox Elementary School in appreciation for hosting a Lions project and for providing art supplies that enabled students to participate in the contest.

During the assembly, 731 students performed the school's Hawaiian chant and alma mater. Lion John, a graduate of the class of 1951, recalls that when it was still Lihue Grammar School, located next to the Lihu'e Plantation Sugar Mill, the alma mater was composed by a student in 1947. However, it became defunct after the school moved uptown and was



PDG Kelvin Moniz, proud grandpa, hugs 3rd place winner, Mya Moniz, Grade 3.

renamed. Lion John revived the alma mater in 1990 when he served as the Vice Principal of the school.



Lion Guy Higa helps to load a balikbayan box onto the truck.

Balikbayan Boxes

Balikbayan boxes are large cardboard boxes filled with various items intended for loved ones in the Philippines. The **East Kauai Lions** have maintained a 20-year partnership with the **Baguio City Host Lions Club**. The **East Kauai Lions** shipped 13 boxes that included recycled eyeglasses, clothing, books, and Chrome computers.

Scholarship Presentation

The **East Kauai Lions** awarded scholarships to

four students. Connor Kellogg, a Kauai High School honor graduate and the son of Lion Marcia and CIS Joe, will be attending Montana State University. Notably, Connor's grandfather, who recently passed away, was a dedicated Lion for 30 years in Montana.





Team Cooking

Did you know that the **East Kauai Lions** have team dinners during their General Membership Meetings? The team rosters are organized into three groups, each with an equal number of cooks.

Waikiki 2000 Lions Club

W2K 30th Charter & Newest Leo-Lion

Submitted by Lion June Ching



30th Charter Celebration

The **Waikiki 2000 Lions Club** celebrated its 30th anniversary on June 7, 2025. The **W2K** Team, led by Lion Treasurer Marie Luna and President Charis Matsuwaki, organized a luncheon at Tokkuri-Tei for fifty-one Lions and Leos from fifteen clubs. Lion Christopher Chow served as the Master of Ceremony for the event.

District Governor Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita installed the following officers: President Charis Matsuwaki, Vice President Cheryl Chow, Vice President/Leo-Lion Liaison Chris Chow, Secretary Jackie Cabebe, Treasurer Marie Luna, Membership Director PDG Shannon Ching, Service Director Eloise Balais, Directors Reverend Tad Iwata and Kili Matsui, LCIF Gina Amina, Tail Twister Ralph Steensen, and Lion Tamer Linda Morneau.

During the event, DGE Sean Benito inducted Leo-Lion Kaila Matsuwaki, a recent graduate and President of the **Roosevelt High School Leo Club**. Additionally, FVDGE Dr. Cedric Mitsui honored the Charter Lions—PDG Shannon Ching, Ralph Steensen, and Albert Yoga—and highlighted the legacy of W2K.

Officers:
(Kneeling) Lion Linda,
Lion Jackie
(Standing) Prexy Charis,
Lion Cheryl, PDG Shannon,
Lion Eloise, Lion Chris,
Charter Lion Ralph, and
Lion Marie









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NEWEST LEO-LION

A bright future awaits the **Waikiki 2000 Lions Club** with the induction of Kaila Matsuwaki on June 7, 2025. Kaila served as the president of **Roosevelt High School's Leo Club** for the 2024-2025 school year. Interestingly, her mother, Lion Charis Matsuwaki, was simultaneously leading the **Lions of Waikiki 2000**. Currently, Leo-Lion Kaila is organizing a cookie fundraiser for **W2K** in partnership with the Tenrikyo Bazaar, which will take place on Sunday, June 29, 2025.





Induction of Kaila Matsuwaki to **W2K** by DGE Sean Benito. Mother Lion President sponsored her Daughter at Tokkuri Tei.

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

52nd Annual Hawaii Kai Father's Day Breakfast

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha, Public Relations)

Photos & Video by Lion Irwin Santos

MAHALO TV MEDIA KHON2 for a morning segment and Post event coverage. Anthony from Hawaii News Now for a live segment and evening coverage. Plus KITV propping and evening segment too.

HAWAII KAI LIONS CLUB

Visit the <u>Hawaii Lions Facebook page</u> to see all the photos & local TV segments.

THAT'S RIGHT...52 YEARS!!! A milestone feat for most organizations to stay together, let alone have a fundraiser to last this long! The **Hawaii Kai Lions** transformed the Kaiser High School parking lot into Hawaii's Largest Drive-through Breakfast Takeout! Any commercial fast food restaurant cannot match such an AMAZING logistical endeavor in the state. On average, there are 6-12 cars at those drive-thru locations, the Lions were cranking this up by 5 times! On Father's Day, it was estimated that 1,000 cars came through and picked up their bento breakfast.

The **Hawaii Kai Lions Club's** much-anticipated community event served over 3,500 breakfasts at the Kaiser High School Parking Lot on Lunalilo Home Road. The majority of the tickets were prepaid @ \$10 each. This year the **Hawaii Kai Lions** welcomed back walk-in purchases. Community donations led to the purchase of 180 breakfasts that were donated to the Institute for Human Services (IHS).

This event is the largest in the state to not only showcase the Hawaii Lions, but all Lions throughout District 50. In the public eye, for many out there in Hawaii, they just see "Lions." If you have an opportunity to help, or even purchase a breakfast or two from the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club**, that would benefit all of our Hawaii members by the extensive publicity exposure.

Funds raised through this event will be used to fund the many Lions Club volunteer projects in the community such as the annual Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade, vision and hearing screening for preschool and elementary school children in East Oahu, Rescue Tube project, projects and monetary support for East Oahu public

schools and the Hawaii Kai Library, Kaiser High School Project Graduation, Junior Police Officer (JPO) appreciation events. clean up projects, and many more.





Koko Head Lions Club

Ending The Year On a High Note!

Submitted by Lion Ashley Uyehara

Koko Head Lions wrapped up the year on a high note during our meeting on June 18, 2025, at Niu Valley Middle School. We warmly welcomed six new members, and Immediate Past President Shasta Yamada and Zone Chair Jaci Yokogawa received their Guiding Lions certificates from District Governor Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita, who also honored Renee Ako with her Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship pin.

Guest speaker Madisyn Sim, Community Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator at Project Dāna, shared insights about the organization's mission to support kūpuna and their caregivers through services like transportation, errands, and meal delivery. She detailed how volunteers can easily get involved, highlighting transportation as one of their most sought-after services.

The meeting also covered upcoming projects, including the Mōʻiliʻili Summer

Festival and Bon Dance on July 5 at Washington Middle School, as well as a diabetes awareness campaign. It was a joy to see both current and potential new members bonding over a delicious meal prepared by CIS Joyce Nip. Here's to another year filled with great memories and friendships!



Guiding Lions



Project Dāna



Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship



Six new Koko Head Lions!

Kina'ole Lions Club

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

Submitted by Lion Pat Young

Success! A first-time experience...lasting a lifetime!

Our Zone Leader, Lion Heather, planned and executed a "lei making" event for our zone clubs. Attended by a majority of our clubs and enjoyed by all! The epiphany is, it provided a "first time" experience, which will last a lifetime!

The red, white, and blue lei will be donated to the Citizen and Naturalization Committee to adorn individuals completing their Oath of Allegiance ceremony.

Kina'ole members were elated to meet members from other clubs! This is how we grow the village and create relationships. Sharing the vision!









Environmental Pillar

Thanks to the coordination efforts of our Zone Chair, Heather, another Zone Project took place on Saturday, June 7th, from the hours of 8 a.m. to







noon at Pearl City High School. In consideration of the Environmental Pillar, we participated in an e-waste collection coordinated by E-Opala. All clubs were represented with a total of ten Lions in attendance. The beneficiary of the fundraiser was the Business Academy of Pearl City High School, of close proximity to our zone clubs! We believe our e-waste collected was in excess of 8,000 pounds!

Benefits of the recycling effort are:

- Homes are safer and rid of potential combustible materials.
- Landfills are free of potential toxins; e-waste is shipped to the mainland for recycling.
- Our aina is safe for the future of our keiki.

Kina'ole members met with others...friendships are blossoming! We are planting seeds for the future cultivation of our zone and relationships!

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Moanalua High School Leo Club

This year's District 50 Leo Club Conference was more than just a gathering — it was a catalyst for purpose, passion, and pride. Held with fellow Leo clubs from across the state, the event brought together passionate young leaders who share one mission: to serve with heart, lead with purpose, and grow together.

For **Moanalua High School's Leo Club**, it was a weekend filled with wins, friendships, and unforgettable moments.

We brought home 1st place for Best Club — a reflection of our hard work, teamwork, and commitment to our community. We also placed 3rd for our scrapbook, a tribute to the memories and milestones that made our year so meaningful.

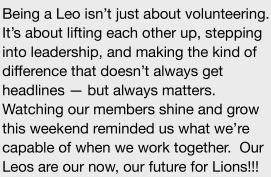
Congratulations to our new district leaders from MoHS:

- Angelica as District Vice President
- JJ as District Treasurer

A huge congratulations to Khloe and Mariko, who each received the prestigious Best MoHS Leo Award! Their dedication, heart, and countless hours of service this year truly set them apart. They led by example and inspired us all to go the extra mile.

But one of the most powerful moments of the weekend came from a voice that moved us deeply — Past District Governor Gabby. Her passion and energy lit up the entire room. Because of her inspiration, three new Leo-Lion clubs have already formed (Honolulu Healthy Cyber Leo-Lion, Kona Healthy, Hawaii Mililani L4L). That's the kind of ripple effect true leadership can have. Please welcome all the new Leo-Lions members into our Lion Ohana.





Moanalua Leos Leading with heart, serving with pride.





Akaka Falls Lions Club

Capturing the Spirit of the Akaka Falls Lions

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro



PATRICIA RESIDES IN HILO AND IS AN EPITOME. OF VOLUNTERISM. SHE BELONGS TO NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS AND IS ACTIVE IN ALL AS A MEMBER OF THE LIONS CLUB FOR OVER 17 YEARS, SHE HAS ASSISTED WITH MANY PROJECTS INCLUDING VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS AT SCHOOLS. OVER THE YEARS HER VOLUNTEER EFFORTS HAVE INCLUDED YMCA, PAPAIKOU SENIOR CLUB, PALACE THEATRE AND MORE.

Akaka Falls Lions Club sends a roaring CONGRATULATIONS to Lion Patricia for being selected as Hawaii County Office of Aging's "Outstanding Older American" for 2025.





PDG Blayne prepares to present the **Akaka Falls Lions Club's** first "Extra Honorary" member with a one-of-a-kind medal to the lovable "Kazak," alongside fellow Lion John.



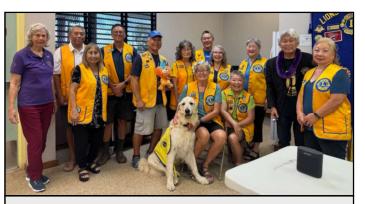
PDG Alan inducted our newest member, Julia Betancourt, while first-time sponsor Lion Deb looked on.



President Len presented a stuffed lion to Secretary Joan for her dedication and hard work in keeping our club together.



Outgoing President Len welcomes Incoming President Terry.



The new officers for the **Akaka Falls Lions Club** for 2025-2026, along with PDG Blayne and "Extra Honorary" member Kazak.



During our annual club retreat, members prepare beef, chicken, pork, and kabocha right out of the imu for a tasty lunch.



Lion Secretary Joan served as the MC for the 75th Anniversary of the Korean War.



Akaka Falls Lions Club members and the Shima family honored our recently passed Lion Hiro and the Hawaii County Korean War Veterans.





Region V Zone 1

Zone Social Fun Night

Submitted by Lion Ashley Uyehara

Lions celebrated another successful year at **District 50 Region V Zone I**'s dinner social at Pālolo Chinese Home on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. Hosted by Zone Chair Jaci Yokogawa and emceed by CIS Barb Abaya, Lions came together to enjoy **ROAR-some** company, **Grrreat** food, and **un-FUR-gettable** fun! There was a good turnout from all clubs within the Zone (**Hawai'i Kai, Hibiscus, Koko Head, Mānoa, and Pālolo**) plus Lion 'ohana from **Aloha Pono, Chinatown, Kahalu'u**, and **Kamehameha**, as well as Lion friends.

Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet provided by Pālolo Chinese Home while being entertained with bingo, door prizes, karaoke, and dancing. There were so many prizes that everyone had an opportunity to be a winner! Special presentations included an invigorating Tai Chi demonstration

by Palolo Lion Janet Fujii and an educational lesson on identifying perpetrators by HPD officer Don Faumuina. Fun fact: to help you identify someone, use the lyrics to the children's song, "Head, Shoulders, Knees, and Toes" as a guide!





The **MANE** event was the Silent Auction, which featured a wide variety of prizes suitable for all ages, including apparel, bags, home goods, toys, and Lions merchandise. The most exciting part is that all proceeds collected from the Silent Auction, totaling \$940.25, were donated to LCIF. What a **PAW-sitive** way to end an already amazing evening! This could not have been possible without the generous donations and the heartfelt passion of everyone involved in supporting the cause.

Special mahalo to ZC Jaci, the staff at Pālolo Chinese Home, and all those who donated to make this event possible.



Waiakea Lions Club

Celebrating 75 Years of Aloha and Service

Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai

The Waiakea Lions Club threw a joyful celebration for its 75th Charter Anniversary, welcoming Lions from near and far to the beautiful home of Lion Collins Tomei. The day was filled with aloha, laughter, and pride in decades of service, fellowship, and community spirit.



Decor from the event listing officers from the last 75 years.

Festivities began with protocol and a heartfelt moment of silence to honor those who came before us. A big mahalo was shared with our beloved CIS for their endless support, followed by a warm tribute to the legendary Chuckwagon Breakfast—bringing back smiles, stories, and fond memories.

"Lokomaika'i Outstanding Lion Awards" recognized members who've gone above and beyond, and the installation of new officers marked the start of another exciting year. Guests enjoyed a delicious Hawaiian lunch featuring laulau, kalua pig, and local favorites. Adding to the fun, attendees took part in mochi pounding, sharing in this traditional, hands-on activity that brought generations together. The celebration wrapped up with lively casino games, music, and plenty of laughter.

Mahalo to everyone who traveled from near and far to be part of this unforgettable milestone. Here's to 75 amazing years—and the bright future ahead!



DG Lion Lori mochi pounding while Lion Collins turns.



The festivities.



Waiakea Lions Eugene, Glenn, and President Sean, along with Lions Unlimited Lion Tony cooking up the yummy food.

Mililani Chit, Chat & Crafts Branch Club

Handmade for a Cause

Submitted by Lion Berta Jenkins

The Chit, Chat & Crafts Branch Club was chartered on May 6, 2025, but has been active since 2023 when CIS (now Lion) Ana Despault initiated the idea. A group of CIS members, friends, and Lion Berta taught Meheula Vista residents how to crochet, starting with



4" x 4" squares for lap blankets intended for kupuna (elders) and pediatric cancer patients. They also made beanies for the same recipients and expanded to create "Heart Hugs," which utilized leftover yarn.

Since 2023, the group has made approximately 85 blankets and 60 beanies for kupuna at Olaloa Senior Living Community, Meheula Vista Senior Apartments, and Nuuanu Hale. They have also provided support to pediatric cancer patients at Straub Hospital, Kapiolani Hospital, and the Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation, as well as to our D50 DGs and PIP Patti Hill. The group has created around 500 Heart Hugs. These heart-shaped tokens have traveled to New York and California with Lion Pam Lee, reaching recipients from various states, islands, and communities.

During the holiday season, **CC & C** made stockings, jewelry and greeting cards. The supplies for the projects have been primarily surplus supplies shared at the meetings.

Recently, PID Bob Lee inducted the new **CC & C** (or Triple C) Lions: Caroline Burton (sponsor: Patrice Wilson), Ana Despault (sponsor: Mark Despault), Patricia "Pat" Menor (sponsor: Bud Jenkins), Marilyn "Lyn" Moku (sponsor: Berta Jenkins), and Zenobia "Zee" Suzuki (sponsor: Berta Jenkins).

CC & C appreciates the many friends who have been contributing to the projects. Thank you, thank you!!

Looking ahead, we plan to host Bingo at Meheula Vista, collaborate with the Ronald McDonald House, launch a Reading and Writing project with Mililani Elementary Schools, assist with lei for new citizens, and join the D50 Aloha Committee and the Magic Yarn Project. We will continue to support the initiatives of our parent club, the **Mililani Lions**.



Kamehameha Lions Club

Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation & Christmas Parade

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha, Public Relations) Photos by Lion Irwin Santos



Since 1946, the Liliha-Palama Christmas Parade has been run by the Liliha-Palama Business Association, and in 2024 the torch was handed over to the Kamehameha Lions Club &

Foundation as the main sponsor for this community event.

On the day after Thanksgiving (Black Friday) at 5:30 p.m., this parade is the FIRST in the state to open up the Holiday Season.

Residents line Liliha Street to welcome back community organizations, schools, Chinese Lions,

elves passing out candy, and Santa.

Taking on the logistics also meant bearing the financial responsibility, and we're reaching out to fellow Lions members and the rest of the community to help us continue this tradition. Our upcoming fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025 at Natsunoya Teahouse.

Tickets are \$65 per person, and they can be purchased online here: https://klcfoundation.org – Mahalo in advance for your consideration. See our flyer that is posted within this issue of Leo Liona.







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Lion Gary Nip, LCIF D50 Coordinator

At the June 24, 2025, Region 5 Zone 1 Social, LCIF was invited to man a table. This is nothing new. Other Zones have asked and I appreciate the opportunity to tell our story and collect donations.

What Lion ZC Jaci Yokogawa did was to donate the entire amount from the Silent Auction to LCIF. This allowed Lions to get LCIF credit for their donations. When added to donations at the LCIF table and online, it amounted to \$940.25!

Mahalo ZC Jaci Yokogawa.

Below is a photo showing several long tables of silent auction merchandise.



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Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

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Need Any Additional Assistance?

Contact: ShastaYamada@HawaiiLions.org



Wahiawa Lions Club, Inc.

Chartered January 4, 1940 Home of Past District Governor Masao Kanemaru Home of District Governor Jack Kampfer P.O. Box 860651, Wahiawa, Hawaii 96786



"8th ANNUAL WAHIAWA WAR MEMORIAL CEREMONY" JULY 5, 2025 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Wahiawa War Memorial Pool - Wahiawa District Park
1129 Kilani Avenue

RSVP by June 30th
To participate in lei presentation ceremony

The Royal Hawaiian Band will perform to honor the soldiers and their families!

The Wahiawa Lions Club will host the 8th Annual Wahiawa War Memorial Ceremony to honor the 21 Veterans who gave their lives in the war, and to recognize their Gold Star Families for the great sacrifices made during World War II.

The rich history of the soldiers and community recall how they worked to build the first City and County of Honolulu swimming pool in 1949.

Come and hear of the touching stories of the boys from Wahiawa who went to war and returned home wanting to help their home town.

The program on July 5th is open to the public and will include representatives from veterans organizations and community groups to honor the 21 veterans of the 100 Infantry Battalion / 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Please participate with the Wahiawa Lions and the community at the memorial ceremony and bring a lei to pay tribute during the program C U there!

Young Professional Lions Presents

THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL EDUCATION



Saturday July 12, 2025 2:00 PM on Zoom





Saving Your Future

Empower yourself with financial literacy. Learn key concepts and acquire the practical skills to navigate your finances with confidence and make smart, informed decisions.



This Educational Workshop is being Hosted by Young Professional Lions:

Lion Roche Selguera (Koko Head Lions Club)







Young Professional Lions **Present**

Bringing Together Lions from all islands together online

JULY 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM

- All you need to join the party is:
 - A computer or tablet to log into Zoom
 - A smartphone with internet (this is your game controller!)

We'll be playing interactive games that are fast-paced, easy to learn, and guaranteed to bring out your inner game master. No downloads or fancy tech skills required — just good vibes and a stable connection!

REGISTER NOW



This Social is being Hosted by **Young Professional Lions:**

Lion Vincent Lee (Koko Head Lions Club) Lion Jenny White (Chinatown Lions Club)





JOIN US FOR A BACK-TO-SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL

Supply Drive!

CASH DONATIONS WANTED!

We're reaching out to our Hawaii Lions members and humbly asking for monetary donations that will be used to purchase Keiki school supplies. Here's a sample of what's needed: Composition books, pencils & holders, sharpeners, erasers, rulers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, post-it notes, backpacks...and more! For some families in the community, these items that would help a child through school may be beyond their financial reach. Your generosity is truly appreciated. Please help us make this a reality by visiting this link to make your tax-deductible contribution.

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Guiding Lion Program

Learn About the Guiding Lion Program – Hybrid Info Session Coming Soon!

- 📆 Sunday, September 28, 2025
- 6:00 PM HST
- 📍 Hybrid In Person on Oʻahu & Online via Zoom

Are you looking for a meaningful way to support new and rebuilding Lions clubs? Consider becoming a Certified Guiding Lion!

Join us for an informational session on what the Guiding Lion Program is and how you can become a Certified Guiding Lion. This hybrid event is open to all Lions who want to grow their leadership skills and help strengthen clubs across our district.

What Is the Guiding Lion Program?

The Guiding Lion Program is designed to assist clubs that are newly chartered, established, or in the process of rebuilding. Certified Guiding Lions are appointed for a two-year term by the District Governor in consultation with the sponsoring or club president. Guiding Lions may serve no more than two clubs at any given time.

Guiding Lions help clubs:

- Succeed in their first two years of operation
- ✓ Orient and train club officers and members
- Motivate and support club growth and development
- Onnect with resources available from Lions Clubs International and district leadership

This role is vital in helping clubs build a strong foundation, increase member engagement, and ensure long-term success.

Whether you're an experienced Lion looking to mentor others or someone who simply wants to learn more, this session is a great way to explore the program and see if it's right for you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

REGISTER NOW

https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/resources-for-members/resource-center/guiding-lion-program