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Cabinet Meetings

2nd Quarter - Oct. 25, 2025

Lanakila Senior Center, OAHU

3rd Quarter - Jan. 31, 2026

Kilauea Military Camp, HAWAII

4th Quarter - Apr. 23, 2026

Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, HAWAII

**New Lions,
Stronger 'Ohana,
Brighter Tomorrow!**

**Hawaii Kai
Palolo**



We Serve

Lead to Serve, Serve to Lead.

District Governor's Message

Aloha Hawai'i Lions,

Our Hawai'i Lions 'ohana is nearly 1,500 strong, built on decades of dedicated service. Service is why we joined, and service is what keeps us together.

In June, we welcomed three new Leo Lions Clubs, made up mostly of graduating Leos who chose to continue their journey of service as Lions. This is proof that the seeds planted by our longtime members are now growing into the next generation.

To put things in perspective: Hawai'i has about 1.44 million people — and 1,500 are Lions. That's about 1 in every 1,000 residents. This shows both the challenge and the opportunity we have to grow.

"Imagine if more of our neighbors became Lions — the impact would be incredible."

As we move forward, our focus is on service with meaning and purpose. We want every Lion — and members of the community who share our values — to have the chance to serve in ways that matter to them. That means offering projects that connect to people's hearts, their skills, and their vision of how to make a difference in this world.

On a personal note, the way I joined the Lions Club was because my boss invited me to a service project — not a meeting. It was there, serving alongside others, that I felt the spirit of Lions and knew I wanted to be part of it. This is the same opportunity we can give to others today.

That's why we're strengthening visibility, retention, and growth by keeping meetings short, showing up proudly in our pins and shirts, putting up banners and QR codes, and creating a "menu" of projects that both Lions and community members can choose from.



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Lion Renee Ako, Editor

Please email submissions for the October issue by September 25th to leoliona@hawaiilions.org

By honoring the legacy of those who have served faithfully and adapting for those to come, we ensure the spirit of We Serve will remain strong for generations.

Mahalo for all you do — together, We Serve.

With Aloha and Gratitude,

Lion Bruddah Sean

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

Facebook: [Sean Benito](#) & [Lion Bruddah Sean](#)

Instagram: [@bruddahsean](#)

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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, Menhune Water Co, Hawaiian Memorial Life Plan/Borthwick Mortuary

Sep	27	Leilehua High School
Oct	4	Red Hill Elementary
	4	Nanakuli High & Intermediate School
	18	Puuhale Elementary School
	18	Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission
	25	Hawaii School for the Deaf & Blind

Join Us Online!

Don't miss out! Gather with Lions from near and far, all from the comfort of home. Need assistance getting online? Just ask — we're in this together.

Sunday, Sep. 14th

6:30 p.m.

Health & Wellness Seminar:
"Autism"

Presenter:
Lion Dr. James Yamashita

Monday, Sep. 22nd

6:30 p.m.

Best Practices w/
PDG Cecelia Izuo
"SMART Goal Settings for
Clubs: Action Planning"
Presenter: Lion Chris Chow,
Global Service Team

District 50 Angels Thank You for Your Service!



Rick Yee
Honolulu Hawaii Kai
52 years as a Lion
Service: Hawaii Memorial Park
Service Date: 09/06,
Visitation: 9:30am, Service 10:30am



Koko Kaneali'i
Kauai North Shore
18 years as a Lion
Services Information: NA

We Will
Miss You!



Arlene Shimokawa
Honolulu Moanalua
11 years as a Lion
Celebration of Life Date: 09/17
Location: Pearl at Kalauao
Visitation: 6:30pm-9:30pm
Formal Program: 7:00pm



Welcome New Lions!

Congratulations!

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!

HAWAII KAI

**Lion Kin
Ching**



Sponsor:
Lion David Iwana

**Lion Ceseli
Fujioka**



Sponsor:
Lion Kayla Gomes

**Lion Sidney
Kamm**



Sponsor:
Lion David Iwana

PALOLO

**Lion Stephanie
Thomas**



Sponsor:
Lion Rona Augustine-
Chun

D50 HAWAI'I LIONS MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

(as of 8/30/25)

Opening Balance:
1,480

Added Members:
49

Current Balance
1,488

Net Gain/Loss
+8



POSITIVE GROWTH

+8 net gain shows recruitment efforts are paying off



RECRUITMENT VS. RETENTION

Strong inflow of new members, but losses almost matched gains



MOMENTUM TOWARD GOAL

Solid progress toward +228 members by June 2026

Aloha New Lions 🌺 —I joined back in 2012. My boss invited me to dinner, then to a school fundraiser in Hilo. Good people, good food, serving keiki — I thought, "This is cool, I'm in!"

A couple years later, I hit the Maui convention and got hooked. By 2014, I was club president. I even led through COVID-19, and those years lit the fire to serve bigger with Lions. 🐘🔥

Here's the thing: you don't have to do everything. Serve when you can, at your own pace. What matters is showing up with aloha. And when people see you serving, they'll notice. The real sign someone's interested? They start asking questions. That's your cue: invite them to a service project. Let them feel the vibe. The rest happens naturally. 🌈🌟

"One of the best things about being a Lion is meeting people with the same values — people who want to make a difference in the world and right here in Hawai'i. That connection makes it all worth it." 🌺

Much Mahalo and Aloha,
DG Bruddah Sean

District Governor, D-50 Hawai'i Lions 🐘🌴



HAWAII LIONS CLUBS FALL FOOD DRIVE



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MAUI FOOD BANK**



**ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD &
NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
8AM - NOON**

ACCEPTING:
WATER, JUICE, HOT/COLD CEREAL, OATMEAL,
SNACKS, CANNED FRUITS/VEGETABLES, PASTA,
CANNED SAUCE, RICE, ETC.

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
STATE CAPITOL
SAFEWAY HAMAKUA - KAILUA - OAHU
SAFEWAY - LAULANI VILLAGE EWA BEACH - OAHU
WALMART - MAUI
KTA SUPERSTORES - HAWAI'I ISLAND




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A Message From SVDG Lion Anthony Kaluhikai Tassillio

Aloha Lions of D50 Hawaii,

As I move forward in my year as your SVDG 2025-2026, I just want to say how proud I am to be a Lion. We are Lions with pride and purpose — and lucky to call Hawai'i nei our home. That makes us the luckiest Lions in the world!

Being able to serve Hawai'i and the world — we're more than just a district, we are a family. We are an 'ohana of Lions who serve with heart. When we serve, we serve everyone.

That's why it's so important to treat each other with respect and dignity, the same way we would like to be treated. Living pono — with balance, harmony, and aloha for the 'āina, keeps us strong as Lions too. Ua Mau ke Ea o ka 'Āina i ka Pono means the life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness. Let's live that pono spirit together.

I would also like to remind everyone about Lions protocol. Titles like PID, PDG, DG, FVDG, SVDG, ZC, Lions, CIS, and Guest show respect for each other's service. Following proper etiquette helps to keep us united and working smoothly together as one District 50. This is one of my focal points moving forward.

Mahalo nui loa, Lions, for everything you do.
SVDG Lion Anthony Kaluhikai Tassillio



Lions Clubs International Code of Ethics (1917)

TO SHOW my faith in the worthiness of my vocation by industrious application to the end that I may merit a reputation for quality of service.

TO SEEK success and to demand all fair remuneration or profit as my just due, but to accept no profit or success at the price of my own self-respect lost because of unfair advantage taken or because of questionable acts on my part.

TO REMEMBER that in building up my business it is not necessary to tear down another's; to be loyal to my clients or customers and true to myself. **WHENEVER** a doubt arises as to the right or ethics of my position of action towards others, to resolve such doubt against myself.

TO HOLD friendship as an end and not a means. To hold that true friendship exists not on account of the service performed by one to another, but that true friendship demands nothing but accepts service in the spirit in which it is given.

ALWAYS bear in mind my obligations as a citizen to my nation, my state and my community, and to give them my unswerving loyalty in word, act and deed. To give them freely of my time, labor and means.

TO AID others by giving my sympathy to those in distress, my aid to the weak, and my substance to the needy.

TO BE CAREFUL with my criticism and liberal with my praise; to build up and not destroy.

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Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club

working with Walmart – picking up off-site shopping carts, bagging trash, and bringing carts back where they belong.

Completed Activities: August 2025

8/01	Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club Projects
8/04 - 12	SVDG Training
8/05	Hearing Screening Training (PDG Shannon)
8/06	Region 7 Zone 2 Packing food boxes for kupuna
8/07	Region 7 Zone 2 Packing food boxes for kupuna
8/08	Attended 1st Cabinet Meeting (Oahu)
8/13	GAT Meeting - California Lions Team 3
8/13	Maui Zone Zoom Meeting Update
8/14	SVDG Progress Zoom Meeting (PDG Gary & CIS Joyce)
8/18	Kona Lions Club General Meeting
8/26	Hilo Crescent City Lions Club General Meeting
8/27	Mountain View Elementary & Keaukaha Elementary Hearing Screenings
8/27	SVDG Training Meeting
8/31	Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club Projects

CENTENNIAL OF SERVICE ALOHA SHIRT



Size & Fit

The measurements shown are product dimensions for the actual garment and may vary slightly. Please use them to compare to your body measurements to find the best fit.

Size	Chest	Shoulder Width	Bottom Opening	Length
XS	41.5"	17.8"	40.5"	29"
S	43.5"	18.3"	42.5"	29.5"
M	45.5"	18.8"	44.5"	30"
L	49"	19.6"	48"	31"
XL	52.5"	20.5"	51.5"	32"
2XL	56"	21.4"	55"	33.5"
3XL	59.5"	22.3"	58.5"	35"
4XL	63"	23.1"	62"	36.5"



Size	Bust	Waist	Bottom Opening	Length
XS	35.5"	35"	38.5"	25.5"
S	37.5"	37"	40.5"	26"
M	39.5"	39"	42.5"	26.5"
L	41.5"	41"	44.5"	27"
XL	44.5"	44"	47.5"	27.5"
XXL	47.5"	47"	50.5"	28"

Aloha, the Committee is happy to announce that we have received the completed shirt design from Reyn Spooner. The shirt is what Reyn labels as "performance button front", which means an easy maintenance, lightweight, ultra-soft, stretch fabric with moisture wicking and UPF sun protection properties. The cost of the limited edition shirt is \$85.00 and will be available only on presale until October 30, 2025.

The aloha shirt will not be offered again after the deadline. Due to the high minimum number of shirts required there will only be one production run. Because this is a custom order, there can be no exceptions, exchanges, returns, or refunds. Please visit our website: <https://shop.hawaiiilions.org/shop> to order your shirts - this truly is a one-time opportunity.

We anticipate delivery of the shirts in time to be worn at our District convention in Hilo in April, and it will be part of our official District parade uniform for the 2026 Hong Kong International Convention and beyond. Need more than one? Remember, our last District shirt has been around for a decade!

Size charts have been provided for both men's and women's shirts. If unsure of your size, we recommend visiting your nearest Reyn Spooner store to try on a "performance button front" shirt.

Use the QR code below to visit our site and don't forget the October 30th deadline, we will not accept any orders after that date. Sales have been underway since the end of July, so don't miss out.

Mahalo for your support!

Order by October 30, 2025





HLF establishes the District 50 Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame



At its meeting on August 2, the Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF) Board of Trustees approved the establishment and incorporation of the District 50 Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame (HoF). In discussions held with District leaders, it was felt that the Foundation would be the appropriate venue to provide a stable and permanent home for the District 50 Hall of Fame.

Alongside, and in keeping with its Hawaii Lions Foundation Fellowships (HLFF), the HoF would recognize and honor those Lions who have had a profound and lasting impact on our District. It would allow us the opportunity to acknowledge those Lions who have distinguished themselves significantly through their commitment, dedication and service, to fulfill the mission and motto of our Association – “WE SERVE”.

The Foundation diligently reviewed and analyzed numerous Lions Halls of Fame across the country, and has established a meaningful and clear nomination and selection process. Our process is unique in that it is both quantitative and qualitative, the nominee must first meet the minimum numerical criteria to qualify. Upon qualification, the candidate will be evaluated upon their record of service and impact on the District. The Foundation carefully crafted the criteria and created the process and format for the nomination process.

To recognize and honor those individuals long after their active years of service or after their deaths, consideration has also been made for their inclusion into the HoF, on a historical or posthumous basis. A waiver on the minimum score needed to qualify may be granted, with greater emphasis placed on the supporting information and letter of support for consideration. The nominee must have been inactive or deceased for five (5) or more years to qualify for this category of inclusion. Please refer to the nomination form for additional information on these retrospective submissions.

The Foundation will automatically enroll the HLFF honorees – PID Shizuo Onishi, PID Herbert Watanabe, PDG Tokuo Tani and PDG Norman Sakata, for inclusion into the D-50 Hall of Fame. In celebration of our Century of Service, we would like to induct the initial class of honorees at the upcoming District Convention in Hilo in April of 2026. Thus, the **nominations** for the HoF this year **must be received by HLF no later than January 22, 2026** for consideration, no exceptions will be made. The HoF nomination form can be obtained on both the Hawaii Lions and Hawaii Lions Foundation websites.

We hereby ask you and your club to consider nominating a worthy candidate from your club, Zone or District for inclusion into the D-50 Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame.

Repeat: Nominations must be received by HLF no later than January 22, 2026.

Spotlight on Lions Driving Our Membership Forward



*The family that serves together,
changes lives together.*

Lion Michelle with her parents,
PDG Mitch & Lion Cheryl.

Lion Michelle Tam Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club

Lion Michelle, who has been your biggest influence in your Lions journey?

My biggest influences in my Lions journey have been my parents, **PDG Mitch Tam** and **Lion Cheryl Tam**, who've fostered my passion as a Lion and inspired me to take on more roles within my club. They've instilled the value of serving the community, volunteering alongside me during my 13 years of membership in the Kona 4-H Federation in addition to their work as Lions.

How do you describe Lions to someone who has never heard of us?

I always mention that the Lions Club is the largest service club organization in the world. Where there's a need, there's a Lion!

What's one Lions memory that always makes you laugh or smile?

One of my favorite Lions memories that always makes me smile was seeing everyone's creative costumes for the Gilligan's Island theme at my first District Convention in 2022. I've truly enjoyed attending the conventions, meeting fellow Lions from across the islands, and experiencing the fun and spirit that come alive when we all gather together.

What's your go-to comfort food after a long service project?

Pizza is always great! Or something cold, like ice cream :)

*Lion Michelle's journey in service began as a member of the **Konawaena Leo Club** in 2017. She transitioned to the **Lions Club of Kona** in 2020 and has now joined the newly chartered **Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club**. Currently, she holds multiple roles: 3rd Vice President, Secretary, and Service Chair. Lion Michelle is enthusiastic about helping to grow her club and looks forward to working alongside the D50 Lions!*

Membership Matters!

Lion Kalae Kukahiko, Global Action Team - Membership

Our members are the heart of our club. Welcoming new members is important, but keeping current members engaged, appreciated, and inspired is just as valuable. Here are some simple tips to help us retain members and attract new ones:

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Build a Strong Sense of Community

- Foster friendships and teamwork among members.
- Celebrate special moments and successes together.

Communicate Well and Often

- Keep everyone updated regularly and openly.
- Use social media and online tools to stay in touch.

Create Fun & Meaningful Service Projects

- Invite members to take part in projects they're passionate about.
- Offer a variety of activities that make a real difference in our community.

Plan for the Future Together

- Set exciting, achievable goals that everyone can work towards!



First Vice District Governor Dr. Cedric Mitsui Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club

1VDG Cedric, what motivates you to keep serving when life gets busy?

I try to get 110% out of each day, at work, at home, and serving my community. Helping 1 more person means a lot to me! Like the story of the little boy saving starfish at the beach.

If you could give advice to a brand-new Lion, what would it be?

Find Lions in your club with whom you feel comfortable with. Get to know ALL the Lions in your club. Learn about your club's history. Find your passion in Lionism. Find a mentor. Get to know Lions from

outside your club. Attend zone, district, and international events. Ask questions, learn about Lionism, grow as a Lion. Wear your Lions gear with pride. Enjoy each day as a Lion!

What's the funniest thing that's happened during a Lions event?

Lion leaders have a great sense of humor but to volunteer to be dunked at PDG Gary Nip's convention was next level! DG Gary, PID Bob, HLF President Kelvin, 1st VDG CJ, 2nd VDG Lori, and DG John Hui bravely jumped into the dunking booth!

Another fun thing happened spontaneously during a dinner after the Advanced Lions Leadership Institute during then DG Bob Lee's year. We were at Gyotaku for the final dinner, then DG Bob sat at our table, we had a few libations, and he challenged us to take our training and make a difference in our clubs, zone, and district. We then spontaneously sang the Star Wars song. Thanks for the challenge and memories Yoda PID Bob!

What is one tradition you hope never fades from the Lions?

I'm a firm believer in "Lions helping Lions." Helping Lions find their passion and grow is an important pillar for Lionism. Supporting a Lion in need is another pillar. Helping a Lion who needs transportation to a meeting or project is another pillar. Helping a Lion or companion, who is sick is another pillar. Seeing a Lion off when they pass on is another pillar.

1VDG Dr. Cedric has been proudly serving as a Lion since 1990.

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Easy Ways to Attract New Members to the Lions & Leo Clubs

Share What We Do

Tell stories about how our club helps others. Show why our work matters and the difference we make in the community.

Invite Friends and Family

Personal invitations work best! Ask friends, family, or coworkers to join us.

Host Fun Events

Organize events that people actually want to attend—community clean-ups, social gatherings, or parties are great ways to connect.

Use Social Media

Share photos, updates, and stories online to let more people see what our club is all about.

Make New Members Feel Welcome

Be friendly, supportive, and inclusive. Make sure everyone feels part of the team from day one.

Show the Impact

Highlight the good work we do and how others can get involved. Let people see the difference they can make.

Remember: Have fun along the way! Joining the Lions Club is a wonderful way to meet new people, make meaningful connections, stay active in your community, and sometimes even discover that a family member is a Lion too.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or if you would like a member of our GAT or Admin team to visit your club.

Invite Friends



DG Bruddah Sean brought his friend Noelle to a fun gathering attended by many Lions. It was the perfect chance for her to meet many Lions outside of a meeting and see what we're all about!

Spotted on Facebook:
Lion Charles boogieing the night
away at the **Kauai Lions Club**
Boogie Wonderland event!



Host Fun Events



Every month, we'll spotlight two Lions — one a familiar face and leader in our organization, and one you might not have met yet. It's our way of celebrating the heart and spirit of our Lion 'ohana.

~Lion Kalae Kukahiko, Global Membership Team & Lion Renee Ako, Leo Liona Editor



ALOHA POWER

'Ohana of Service Heroes

Facebook: [Sean Benito & Lion Bruddah Sean](#)

Instagram: [@bruddahsean](#)



With Lion Chris Chow,
Global Service Team District Coordinator



Recruiting new Leo Lion members at the
UH Hilo Campus Annual Club Fair with
Lion Jaci Yokogawa, Global Extension
Team District Coordinator

At Mooheau Bandstand in Hilo, Lions from **Hilo Crescent City, Manoa, and Kaneohe** joined to support Project Nehemiah Hawaii, a club that Lion Jaci is building connections with.

PDG Garrett and Lion Jaci led a Hands-On CPR demo as part of the day's activities.



From service to the dance floor — **Kaua'i Lions Club** in Boogie Wonderland!





Documenting Leo Data into the Lion Portal

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier, D50 District Administrator

The Lion Portal serves as a vital platform for inputting data which is reported to Lions Club International. All members have access to information in the Lion Portal. Personal information is accessible by the individual. Other data is restricted by the member's officer position being held.

Responsibilities of the Sponsoring Club

I would like to address documenting Leo data into the the Lion Portal. The sponsoring club is responsible to assign a Leo Advisor. Should the Leo club be a school-based club, a faculty advisor needs to be a faculty member of that school. However the Leo Advisor doesn't have to be a faculty member but needs to be a sponsoring club member.

Role of Leo Club Advisors

Leo club advisors are Lions who enjoy working with young people. Their primary responsibilities include

- Guiding Leos in managing club activities.
- Assisting in the development of effective community service projects.
- Fostering leadership development by creating a supportive learning environment and connecting Leos with community leaders.

Inputting Leo Advisor Assignments

Once a Leo Advisor is assigned by the sponsoring Lion club, this information should be documented into the Lion Portal. The Leo Advisor is also responsible for ensuring that the Leo club data remains current in the Lion Portal. This includes:

- Inputting the names of Leo members
- Designating Leo club officers.

The Leo Advisor, the Leo club president and secretary have access to input this data.

Training Assistance

To assist Lions and Leos in navigating the Lion Portal and managing data input effectively, I am providing training sessions. These sessions can be conducted via:

- Zoom
- Email
- Texting
- Voice assistance

For training inquiries or to schedule a session, please contact me at:

- Email: pdgericd50@gmail.com
- Mobile: (808) 651-9166

Current Status

School has just started, it is essential to update data in the Lion Portal. Please review the current Leo information available in the Portal (as of 8/16/25, 11:37:06 p.m.):

Leo Club	Sponsoring Lion Club
Hawaii Young Visionaries	Hilo Crescent City
Hilo	Hilo
Hilo Crescent City	Hilo Crescent City
Iolani School	Honolulu Waikiki 2000
James Campbell HS	Ewa Beach
Kaiser HS	Hawaii Kai
Kalani HS	Kamehameha
Kapolei HS	Kapolei City
Kauai HS	East Kauai
King Kekaulike HS	Kahului
Kona	Kona

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Leo Club	Sponsoring Lion Club
La Pietra	Kamehameha
Lanai HS & Elementary	Lanai City
McKinley HS	Kapahulu-Mō'ili'ili
Mililani HS	Mililani
Moanalua HS	Kina'ole
Molokai HS	Molokai
Pearl City HS	Pearl City
Roosevelt HS JROTC Battalion	Manoa
Roosevelt HS	Chinatown
Sacred Hearts Academy	Kamehameha
St. Louis School	Kamehameha
The Catalyst Cubs	Koko Head
WR Farrington HS	Kalakaua
Waiakea HS	Waiakea
Waimea HS	West Kauai
Waipahu HS	Leeward Oahu

Leo Club Advisor Training

To strengthen the relationship between a sponsoring Lions Club and the Leo Club, a Leo advisor needs to be assigned. It is essential for the Leo Club to be familiar with the Lions Club, and this can be achieved by having the Leo Advisor attend Leo Club meetings. Additionally, we encourage a Lions Club officer to also attend these meetings.

Training material is provided for the Leo Advisor. At the bottom of each module, you will see the word "PowerPoint." Please select it to access the training module PowerPoint.

Once the Leo advisor is assigned, it is crucial for the club to input this information into the Lion Portal. If you require assistance with registering, navigating, or inputting data into the Lion Portal, please do not hesitate to contact PDG Eric Nordmeier to schedule a training session.

The Leo Club Advisor Training is designed to provide Leo club advisors with a clearer understanding of the Leo Club Program and their role as an advisor. The training includes six modules that cover important tools and resources to help Leo club advisors serve effectively and confidently. District and multiple district Leo chairs can use these resources to train advisors as a group, or advisors can review the content independently. The modules may be used together or individually, based on the needs of the trainer or advisor.

Module 1: Leo Club Program Overview

This module introduces participants to the history, rationale and structure of the Leo Club Program.

[PowerPoint](#)

Module 2: The Role of the Leo Club Advisor

This module provides participants with a basic understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the Leo club advisor. Participants will also devise personal strategies for serving as effective advisors and promoting positive youth development.

[PowerPoint](#)

Module 3: Leo Club Administration

In this module, participants will review the key administrative aspects of Leo clubs including fees, bank accounts, elections, reporting, meetings and important dates.

[PowerPoint](#)

Module 4: Leo Club Program Resources From Lions International

In this module, participants will learn about resources and tools available from Lions International to support Leo club advisors.

[PowerPoint](#)

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Module 5: Working with Younger People

A training for Leo club advisors and chairpersons with tips for working with younger people.

[PowerPoint](#)

Module 6: Continuing the Leo to Lion Service Journey

A training for Leo club advisors and chairpersons on the different Lions membership paths Leos can utilize.

[PowerPoint](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Leo club advisors should also become familiar with the following webpages to provide support to their Leo clubs. Click on these links for more information.

[About Leos](#): General information page about the Leo Club Program with links to grants, trainings and resources.

[Leo Club Leadership](#): Overview of the Leo club officer roles and resources.

[Leo Awards and Recognitions](#): Information about awards for Leo members and clubs.

[Leo to Lion Transition Best Practices Guide](#):

A supplemental guide to the Module 6: Continuing the Leo to Lion Service Journey PowerPoint that includes additional information and best practices to support Leos as they continue their service journey as Lions club members.

[Beyond Leos Online Learning Course](#): A brief course available in the Lions Learning Center to learn about the Leo-Lion membership program, club types that may be attractive to Young Lions and helpful resource links to support an easy transition for Leos to Lions membership.



LCI's Digital Portal

The Lion Portal is a digital platform created by Lions Clubs International for its members. It serves as a central hub for accessing information, resources, and tools necessary of club administration, service reporting, membership management, and communication. Essentially, it's a one-stop-shop for Lions and Leo Club members to manage their activities and stay connected.

Centralized Information and Resources

The portal provides access to training materials, frequently asked questions, and other resources to help members navigate their roles and responsibilities.

Membership Management

Members can manage membership records, track service process, and submit dues through the portal.

Reporting Tools

The portal includes features for reporting service activities, generating membership reports, and tracking progress towards district goals Lions Clubs International.

Communication Hub

It facilitates communication between members, clubs, and Lions Clubs International.

Administrative Functions

Club officers and district governor can utilize the portal for various administrative tasks

Integration with Other Platforms

The Lion Portal combines features previously found in MyLion, MyLCI, and Insights, offering a more unified and efficient experience.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: When inputting a new club member into the portal can more than one sponsor be identified for that new member?

A: Only one Lion sponsor can be inputting into the portal per new member.

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Q: Why can't I register for access to the Lion Portal?

A: There are multiple reasons in excess to what is listed below.

- Is your email address unique in the portal?
- If not correct, list your email with the assistance of the club President, Secretary, club Administrator or contact the District Administrator for this fiscal year July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026 — PDG Eric Nordmeier email: pdgericd50@gmail.com or text mobile: (808) 651-9166



Should you have any questions please contact Lions Chris Chow or PDG Eric Nordmeier at the contact information provided above.

Q: How can I navigate after logging on to the portal to input a service activity?

A: Look on the webpage after logging on; there is the word "Service"

- On the right side of the page select "Create Service Activity"
- Complete the form and save
- Next step is to submit the completed format to LCI.
- Should you be unable to complete the report contact your club president, secretary, or administrator for assistance.
- Or Contact Lion Chris Chow the district's Global Service Chairperson. Email: chrischow123@gmail.com or text (808) 286-8390



Spotted Lion Ellsworth (**Hawaii Kai Lions Club**), our Hunger Awareness Chairperson, in the summer edition of Lion Magazine.



Our first Cabinet Meeting's Proud Lion Recipients will be featured in the next issue of *Leo Liona*!

~PDG Cecelia Izuo



Are they Lion Service Heroes... or the newest **Hawai'i Cyber Lions** Officers?

Officer installation via Zoom.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Lion Gary Nip & Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita



Recently
elected **3rd**
International
Vice
President
Lion Tony
Benbow and

his wife Lion Sue Benbow are recognized as our newest Legacy Society members.

The **Lions Legacy Society** was established by LCIF to acknowledge those who commit future gifts.

There are several options for making future gifts to LCIF:

WILLS or LIVING TRUSTS

The easiest way is to specify an exact amount, a percentage of your estate or what remains after providing for your heirs.

RETIREMENT PLANS

Including LCIF as a beneficiary of your retirement plan is a tax-savvy way to make a charitable gift, as amounts remaining in these plans at death may be subject to estate and income taxes when left to individuals.

LIFE INSURANCE PROCEEDS

Designating LCIF to receive all or a portion of a life insurance policy no longer needed for its original purpose may also result in income and estate tax benefits.

SAVINGS, CHECKING, OR INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

In most states, LCIF can be named a beneficiary of such accounts, simplifying planning and administration processes for estate executors or administrators.

Complete a Planned Giving Declaration Form which can be found [here](#).

PLEASE DONATE TO LCIF

BY CHECK: PAYABLE TO LCIF

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

ONLINE:

Donate Now

Lions' Service Across Our Islands

East Kauai Lions Waving Old Glory



The **East Kauai Lions** were out on the Fourth of July in the shadow of Ha'upu Mountain, a flank caldera eroded over millions of years, leaving the dense bottom of the caldera exposed and creating the most spectacular image of a mountain in the Hawaiian archipelago.

Submitted by Lion John Ochoco



Building Portable Classrooms in Lahaina



Kamehameha Lions

Ryan Brown, Lyle Apo and Mel Tom on their second trip to Lahaina to build portable classrooms for Sacred Hearts Church at Kapalua Golf Course.

*Submitted by
Lion Mel Tom*



The **Kahului Lions Club** hosted guest speaker Courtney from the Maui Emergency Management Agency (MEMA).

Submitted by ZC Paul Seto

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Kahalu'u Lions Lead the Way with Community Resource Fair



Lion Leo Trip from **Kina'ole Lions club** & Lion Leo Tiara from the newly formed **Honolulu Healthy Cyber Leo Lions club**.



The **Kahalu'u Lions Club** recently partnered with KEY Project to organize a community resource fair on August 23, 2025. The event showcased over 30 vendors and included participation from four Lions Clubs. A special shoutout goes to Lion Gavin from **Koko Head** for coordinating vision screenings for both children and adults, aided by Jaycee's advisor Patrick and Lion Adriel. We also

appreciate the efforts of the **Kina'ole Lions Club**, Lion Guy, and Lion Kathy for providing FREE shave ice, with assistance from the Leo Lions. Additionally, Lion Shasta set up a booth in collaboration with the American Diabetes Association to raise awareness about diabetes. Thank you to the **Kahalu'u Lions Club** for their role in co-hosting and for generously donating \$200 worth of gift certificates. It was an exciting event!

Let's continue to engage, find opportunities to serve, and, most importantly, have fun!

Submitted by Lion Kalae Kukahiko

Celebrating Our Newest Citizens

Submitted by Lion Adriel Lam, Citizenship Committee



Lion Gracie and I welcomed 43 new citizens from 11 countries. There were three more

citizenship ceremonies this week that we weren't able to cover—meaning there are still many opportunities for Lions Clubs to come out and welcome new citizens. At each ceremony, we present new citizens with a red, white, and blue yarn lei, and assist in passing out American flags and pocket Constitutions.

West Kauai Lions

Hands That Serve, Hearts That Care

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier



Lion Kent Mizuguchi



Lion Charles Ortiz

Waimea
Neighborhood Center:
Storeroom Cleaning

Hanapepe Salvation
Army Thrift Shop:
Cleaning & Painting



Lions Shirley Simbre-Medeiros & Jay Ford



Lion Joan Contival

**From meetings to projects to conventions, Lion Naoko is always there.
Cheers to 95 years of life and 35 years of Lionism!**

This past June was a very special milestone for Lion Naoko Ho. Not only did she celebrate her 95th birthday, she also marked 35 years of dedicated service as a Lion!

Lion Naoko is truly an inspiration to us all. She continues to be one of our most active members —joining meetings, supporting projects, attending conventions, and always showing up with her trademark energy and spirit. Her commitment reminds us that Lionism is not just about the years we serve, but the joy and impact we bring along the way.

Over the years, Lion Naoko has touched countless lives, and she has even helped grow our family by sponsoring PDG Eric Nordmeier into Lionism. Her legacy is not only in what she has done, but in the members she has inspired and the friendships she continues to nurture.

Happy 95th birthday and congratulations on 35 years of Lion service, Lion Naoko! You are a shining example of the Lion spirit.



Akaka Falls Lions Club

Akaka Falls Lions Making a Difference Every Month

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro

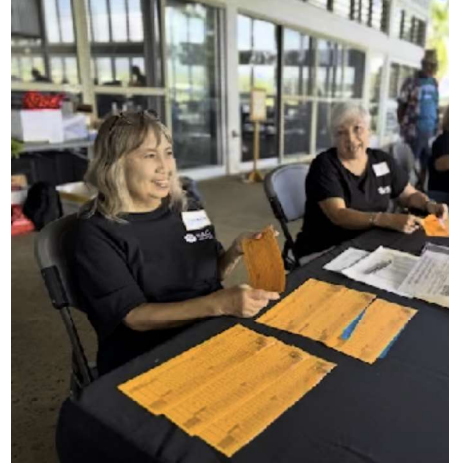
Hawaii Island Adult Care's annual golf tournament in late July



Registration & assistance.



Check in & swag bags.



Is that handicap right?



Christmas in July! Our Spirit Squad & **Hilo Lion** Winston (in back) spread cheer at Kinoole Farmers Market — raising \$1,000 for our upcoming Hilo parade in late November! Mahalo to all who supported!



Food + fellowship = the best way to wrap up a Fun Fest meeting!

Who says a garage can't be a boardroom? Productive Service Projects & Board of Directors meeting at Lion Diane's!



Kina'ole Lions Club

Operation Christmas Child – Packing Hope, One Shoebox at a Time!!

Submitted by Lion Kathy Higa



Samaritan's Purse is a nonprofit run by Franklin Graham, Billy Graham's son. The program Operation Christmas Child falls under this organization. They send shoeboxes for kids to 3rd world countries. These kids have very little to nothing, and it is probably the only gift that they will get. The local group has been doing this for around 10 years and pack 10,000 shoeboxes per year. They pack from June to November.

Guy Hashimoto and Kathy Higa from **Kina'ole Lions Club** have volunteered for this project for the past 3 years. Recently on a Friday morning, we packed 1,000 shoeboxes for girls ages 2-4 and 10-14 (Boxes for girls 5-9 were packed the following day, and the boys' boxes will be packed in the coming month.) We were delighted to be joined by Tiara Baruela from the **Healthy Cyber Leo-Lion Club** and PDG Garrett Ogawa from the **Manoa Lions Club**. Every shoebox was carefully filled with treasures like school supplies, hygiene items, small toys, t-shirts, stuffed animals, calendars, balls, toothbrushes, combs, brushes, fabric, yarn, bandaids, new cups, slippers etc.

When you imagine a child's face lighting up as they open their very first gift, you realize how

powerful this project is. It's more than just items in a box-it's a message of love, dignity, and kindness that crosses oceans.

Things that we take for granted are treasures in under developed countries.

All the items that are placed in the shoeboxes are donated. They ask for new items, but they will wash gently used stuffed animals and tennis balls. They also ask for flatware- stainless steel forks/spoons etc. as plastic does not hold up and these countries do not have landfills for trash. The complete list is on Samaritan's purse website under Christmas Child.

Other items not on the website include – fabric, yarn, sewing notions, embroidery threads, craft items, beads, buttons, trims, ribbons. Crochet? You can also crochet beanies.

Items that are not allowed are food, soap, liquids, toy weapons, or vitamins.

If you have any donations, please contact Kathy. We can arrange pick-up or drop off.

Another way to donations is order from [Amazon](#).

Lions Clubs are dedicated to serving communities and supporting humanitarian efforts, regardless of religious affiliation. Participating in projects like Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child can be a meaningful way for Lions to contribute to global service

efforts.

Palolo Lions Club

Palolo Lions Mahjong Workshop

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos (**Kamehameha**)

Photos by Lions Rona Augustine-Chun & Beverly Mau (**Palolo**), Peggy Oyama (**Hawaii Cyber Lions**), Irwin Santos (**Kamehameha**)



The **Palolo Lions Club** hosted its first Mahjong Workshop at the Palolo Chinese Home on Sunday, August 31 @8:30am. Guests were treated with light snacks and refreshments, along with an introduction to playing Mahjong. The majority of attendees were either green or brand new to the game. Seasoned players assisted in teaching 20 or so others. Some players brought brand new sets, and there were a few that were family heirlooms that dated back more than 70 years old...WOW! Future workshops will be planned quarterly. Please stay tuned...if you want to get on the mailing list,

contact Lion Rona Augustine-Chun.

As Lions, we are dedicated to service — but we also cherish the moments when we can simply gather, relax, and enjoy each other's company.

Mahjong is a tile-based game that originated in China during the mid-1800s, likely evolving from earlier card games such as Madio. It gained popularity, especially in urban centers, before spreading internationally in the early 1920s. The global spread of Mahjong is linked to historical factors like China's opening to the West, the Treaty of Nanking, and the introduction of Mahjong sets to the United States.

Today, Mahjong is played around the world in various forms, each with its own rules and regional variations, reflecting the game's cultural adaptation and ongoing evolution. See you folks at the next round!



[Find the Palolo Lions on Facebook](#)

CPR & AED TRAINING

If you are interested in instructing, assisting, or volunteering in teaching in our schools, please let me know. There will opportunity for us to teach and educate you and we will need to get information from you to help with the vetting process.

PDG Lion Garrett, Lions With Heart Co-Chair



FALL 2025 CSCPR AND KIDS4CPR SCHEDULE

Kauai High School CSCPR (Kauai)

9/2 - 745a and 10a

Waimea High School CSCPR (Kauai)

9/2 - 215p

9/23 - 10a, 1145a, 1245p

King Kekaulike High School CSCPR (Maui)

9/3 - 2:45p

9/4 - 745a, 9a, 1045a and 1245p

9/5 - 745a, 10a

Kaunakakai Elementary Kids4CPR (Molokai)

9/8 - 830a

Maunaloa Elementary Kids4CPR/CSCPR (Molokai)

9/8 - 1p (Kids4CPR)

9/8 - 230p (CSCPR)

Campbell High School CSCPR (Oahu)

9/15 - 8a, 1130a, 1255p

9/16 - 935a, 1255p

Waipahu High School CSCPR (Oahu)

9/30 - 10/3 times TBD

Papahana O Kaiona Charter School CSCPR (Oahu)

10/20 - 9a

Kalani High School CSCPR and BLS (Oahu)

10/17 & 21 - BLS 1045a-12p

Kealahou High School CSCPR (Big Island)

10/15 - 9a, 1115a, 1p, 3p

Baldwin High School CSCPR (Maui)

10/23 & 10/24 Times TBD

Wahiawa Elementary School Kids4CPR (Oahu)

10/29 - 8a

Maui High School CSCPR (Maui)

11/3 - 8a, 915a, 11a

11/4 - 815a, 10a, 1145a

11/5 - 8a, 915a, 11a, 1245p

11/6 - 10a, 1145a

Mililani High School CSCPR (Oahu)

11/10 - 8a, 945a, 1145a, 115p

11/12 - 8a, 945a, 1115a

Waialua High School CSCPR (Oahu)

11/17 - 8a, 930a

11/18 - 1045a, 115p

Kalani High School CSCPR (Oahu)

11/24 - 8a, 930a, 1045a

11/25 - 8a, 930a, 1245p

Ilima Intermediate CSCPR (Oahu)

1/6/2026 - times TBD

Kamiloiki Elementary School Kids4CPR (Oahu)

1/7/2026 - 815a

King Kekaulike High School CSCPR (Maui)

1/22 - 23 times TBD

CALL US FOR MORE INFO

808-369-8756



training@hawaiiheartfoundation.org

www.hawaiiheartfoundation.org



Ewa Beach Lions Club is hosting a

Diaper Drive

to collect 3000 Diapers, Wipes and Pull-Ups



Donation Dropoff on:
Saturday September 6th, 2025

Location: Safeway @
Laulani ShoppingCenter
8:00am-12:00pm

In Hawaii 30,000 keiki under 5 live in poverty.
With rising costs , 1 in 3 families experience diaper need.
Monthly diaper expenses are \$80-\$100.

Please help support
this public health issue in Hawaii

For more information
contact Lion Lola



Friday 9/12/25 5pm-8:30pm

Natsunoya Tea House

1935 Makanani Dr, Honolulu, Hawaii



**KAMEHAMEHA LIONS CLUB
FUNDRAISER**

**HELP
SUPPORT
OUR
CHARITY**

Liliha Palama
Christmas Parade

IHS Homeless
Veterans Program

LEO Club
Youth Scholarships

Community Grants

**\$65
PER PERSON**

**NATSUNOYA
TEA HOUSE**

**12
SEPTEMBER**
5PM-8:30PM

ONO FOOD * LIVE MUSIC * LIQUID REFRESHMENTS

TERIYAKI STEAK * HIBACHI CHICKEN * SHOYU PORK * SHRIMP & VEGGIE TEMPURA * AGEDASHI TOFU * SUSHI * SALAD

RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 5 - CONTACT DONNA MIYASHIRO

OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE
KLCFOUNDATION.ORG

Proceeds of the Fundraiser will benefit Youth Scholarships and fund community service projects of the Kamehameha Lions Club and Foundation, a registered 501(c)3 Public Charity. All or part of your donation can be tax deductible and we advise you to discuss your options with your tax preparer or accountant.

Aloha Lions & Community friends...YOU'RE INVITED

Since 1948, the Kamehameha Lions Club of Honolulu, Hawaii, has been dedicated to providing community service to our neighborhoods, including support for our youth, the elderly, the visually impaired, the Vet house, and now the annual decades-long Liliha-Palama Christmas Parade. The Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation serves as the 501(c)(3) charitable arm of the Kamehameha Lions Club. We are reaching out for your support to help us continue our volunteer efforts in the community. On September 12, 2025, from 5pm to 8:30pm, we will be hosting a Benefit Fundraiser at the Natsunoya Teahouse in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Your support will help our Lions maintain their humanitarian efforts as we strive to reach an annual fundraising goal of \$10,000 to fund these various activities and projects.

Please join us on September 12th 5pm held at the historical Natsunoya Teahouse. Being in business for over 100 years and having its roots dating back to 1921 when it was opened as the Shunchoro Tea House by immigrants Shuichi and Taneyo Fujiwara. The business celebrated its 100th anniversary in 2021 under the same family ownership.

On the menu are culinary favorites: Shoyu Pork, Hibachi Chicken, Teri Steak, Shrimp Tempura, and other tasty delicacies. Please go online and order by **September 5, 2025**. Cost per person is \$65. Visit our website to purchase tickets here: [TICKET PURCHASE](#) OR if you're not able to attend, yet want to make a donation to the Foundation, go here: [MAKE A DONATION TO THE FOUNDATION](#).

If you prefer to pay cash or check, please email Lion Donna Miyashiro.

Mahalo,

Lion **Irwin Santos**

Kamehameha Lions – President



Kamehameha Lions Club & Foundation are now sponsors of the annual Liliha-Palama Christmas Parade. Held each year, the day after Thanksgiving 5:30pm. Its the 1st parade in the State of Hawaii to kickoff the Holiday Season.

CHINATOWN LIONS SMITH-BERETANIA PARK CLEAN UP



SEPT. 13, SAT 9:30-11:30AM

Join us in keeping the community clean!

Meet at Smith-Beretania Park.

All cleaning supplies provided by City of Honolulu

***Bring your own hat & water bottle**

***Municipal and street parking nearby**

***Sign-up with evite: <https://evite.me/FMWcjbK6QV>**



Contact Us

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Honolulu Aloha Pono Lions

Charity High Tea Event

\$65 Donation

***Sunday, September 28th, 2025
2 PM to 4 PM***

At



Tea at 1024

*Tea at 1024
1024 Nu'uani Avenue
Honolulu, HI 96817*

Menu: Salad, Scones, Sandwiches, Desserts, and Pot of Tea

***Join our
Best Hat Contest***

***Partial proceeds to benefit
Hawaii nonprofit agencies***





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 O'ahu & 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
-  Connect 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>

Ewa Beach Lion's Club Foundation



\$15 A DOZEN FUNDRAISER

Date: Sat. October 4th, 2025

Time: 8AM-12PM, while supplies last

Location: Safeway Ewa Beach

Benefit the Lions Club's Annual

Children's Christmas Party

Christmas Parade

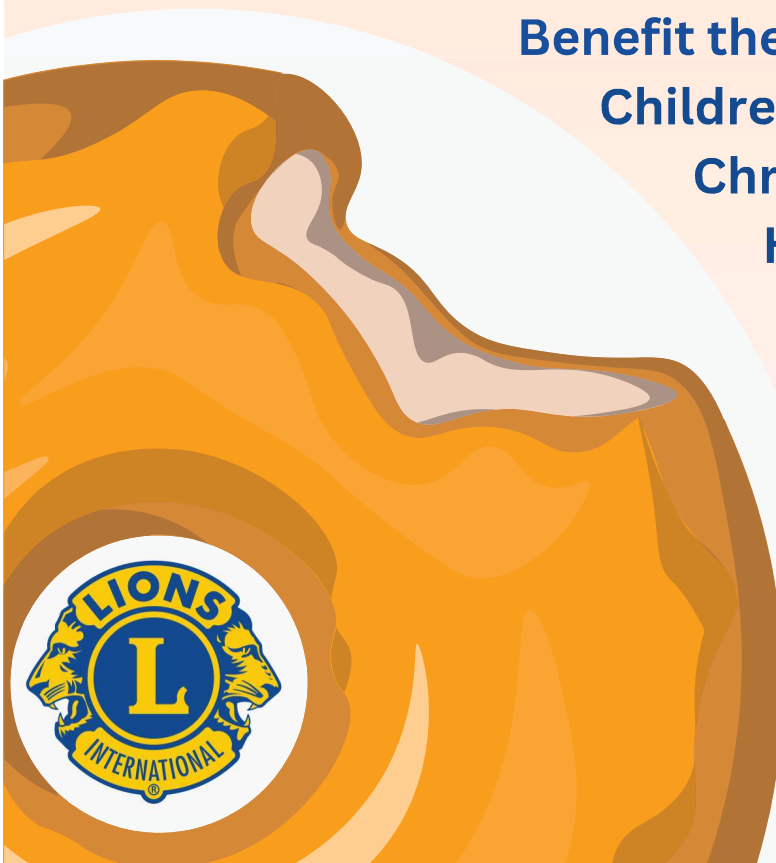
Halloween Event

Easter Event

& Other Ewa Beach

Community

Services



**For More Information:
Call Lion Lola**



EWA BEACH LIONS CLUB

Socks For Soldiers

Please donate NEW socks to
support our Veterans
on Saturday Oct. 4th & Nov. 15th, 2025
from 8:00am-10:00 a.m.
at Safeway, Ewa Beach





**EWA BEACH
LIONS CLUB**

INVITES YOU TO

HALLOWEEN BASH

Show your costume for a prize!

Join if you dare!

SATURDAY OCT 25, 2025
Ewa Beach Shopping Center
91-919 Fort Weaver Rd (McDonald's Parking Lot)
5:00- 8:00 PM
**Trunk or Treat, Face Painting,
Balloons, Photos and fun!**

Contact Lion Lola for more info

Ewa Beach McDonald's, D.R. Horton Hawaii, Generators Hawaii, Moka, Roadways Solution, Ameresco, Ewa Beach State Farm Frelynn Kahalehili, Paradise Lua, Pinky Tows, Haseco, Ewa Beach Domino's Pizza, Gentry Homes & Design Works Inc, Weed & Seed Hawaii District 8, JCHS Alumni & Community Foundation, District 8 & Community Policing Team.