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Cabinet Meeting

May 1 - 3, 2025

4th Quarter Cabinet Meeting
 89th Annual District Convention
 Ala Moana Hotel, Oahu

Clubs Featured in this Issue

Akaka Falls	Koko Head
Ala Moana	Kona
Aloha Pono	Kuhio
Chinatown	Leeward Oahu
Farrington High School Leos	Mana Loa Nimitz
Haleakala	Manoa
Hawaii Cyber	Mililani
Hawaii Kai	Moanalua
Hilo Crescent City	Molokai
Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited	Pali
Honolulu	Pearl City
Kahaluu	Region 7
Kahului	Wahiawa
Kamehameha	Waiakea
Kaneohe	Waianae
Kapahulu-Moili'ili	Waikiki 2000
Kapolei City	Waikoloa
Kauai North Shore	Waimea High School Leos
Kīnā'ole	West Kauai

District Governor's Message

Aloha District 50 Lions & Leos 'Ohana,
 In April, I enjoyed visiting with the **Honolulu Lions club, Hawaii Cyber Lions club, Waianae Lions club** at their charter celebration, **Hawaii Kai's** charter and installation, and with our new club, **Honolulu Kīnā'ole Lions**, at their charter celebration.



Our membership has crossed back over 1400, and we are hoping to grow further. However, this also depends on how well our clubs can retain their members into the next Lions year. All our members are important and valued. Thank you for keeping the service projects going, keeping your members involved, and engaging everyone to help your clubs thrive. Where there's a need, there's a Lion.

So far, we have gotten 53 out of 54 Lions clubs and 18 out of 29 Leo clubs to report service activities in the portal. Four Leo clubs are inactive/closed, and therefore, only 7 more Leo clubs need to report their service. Reporting is important because it reflects how well our district is doing with serving our communities.

We are also happy to say that clubs have had their elections and are reporting their officers in the portal. This will help to get our directory out sooner for this coming year. We want to encourage clubs to have their officers in place, so PDG Mark Mizuno can work with them on officer training.

Next month, we start off with our district convention. We hope you will enjoy what is planned, thanks to the convention committees and Chair Lion Jackie Cabebe for their hard work. We have lots of prizes and great entertainment with Floyd Armstrong Smith from the Fifth Dimensions, a thank you treat from Lion Dr. Jim and me.

Our district hunger project, "Stamp Out Hunger," is set for May 10th. Please check your email for details. Please come

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2024-2025**District 50 Leadership****District Governor**

Lori Inouye-Yamashita

First Vice District Governor

Sean Benito

Second Vice**District Governor**

Cedric Mitsui

Immediate Past**District Governor**

C.J. Kalopodes

Honorary District Governor

PDG Nadine Nishioka

Past International Director

Maurice Kahawaii

Past International Director

Robert Lee

Cabinet Secretary

PDG Gary Nip

Cabinet Treasurer

PDG Chris Tamura

Sergeant at Arms

Bruce Kimura

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Board of Governors**Chairperson**

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PDG Gary Nip

Secretary

IPDG C.J. Kalopodes

PDG Garrett Ogawa

PDG Angie Haramoto

DG Lori Inouye-Yamashita

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Lion Renee Ako, Editor

Please email submissions for the
June issue by May 25th to
leoliona@hawaiiions.org

out to help with this worthy global cause. On the same day, the Diabetes Walk is happening, and you can sign up for the virtual walk; donations are optional. We will have Lion teams walking, so come join our Lions 'Ohana.

Thank you again for being Lions, serving Hawaii's people.

Remember, "Happy Lions stay Lions."

Mahalo,

Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita

District Governor 2024-2025

"Healthy Hearts, Healthy Minds, Healthy Lions"



L to R: Lion Tony Tassillio (**Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited**), PID Maurice Kahawaii (**Kona**), Lion Wayne Kuwaye (**Waiakea**)

PID Maurice Da Silva Fox Bunny Kahawaii reminds all of us to be good Lions! *Bunny...as in the Energizer Bunny!*

Submitted by Lion Wayne Kuwaye



HAWAII LIONS FOUNDATION

2nd Annual

Golf Classic Fundraiser



Pearl at Kalauao
Friday, June 20, 2025
12 o'clock shotgun start

Four Hole-in-One Contest #1

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

Other prizes: **\$1,000 CASH PRIZE, \$500 CALLAWAY GOLF SHOPPING SPREE, SWING CADDIE PORTABLE LAUNCH MONITOR OR LASER RANGEFINDER**

\$25,000 Cash Prize Shootout

Four Hole-in-One Contest #2

A CHANCE TO WIN A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

Win a Trip to: The Super Bowl, The World Series, Pebble Beach Golf or The U.S. Open
 See all details on the Sponsorship Form

District 50 Angels, Thank You for Your Service!



Ernest "Ernie" Abaya

Kaneohe Lions Club

Lion for 4 years

Lions Service:

May 31st 10:00 a.m.
Pu'uloa Ewa Beach Park



Randall "Randy" Hoo

**Kuhio Lions Club of
Honolulu**

Lion for 18 years

Lions Service:

April 29th 10:30am
Honolulu Japanese Seventh-
Day Adventist Church, Manoa



John Gordon

Kauai North Shore Lions Club

Lion for 18 years

Lions Service:

July 12th 10:00am
Kauai Christian Academy, Kilauea



SPRING SEASON FOOD DRIVE

GOODS AND DONATIONS WILL BENEFIT HAWAI'I FOODBANK, HAWAI'I FOODBANK KAUAI'
THE FOOD BASKET, MAUI FOOD BANK, AND KAUAI' INDEPENDENT FOOD BANK

10TH MAY 2025 / 8AM - 12PM



ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD & NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS
WATER, JUICE, HOT/COLD CEREAL, OATMEAL, SNACKS, CANNED
FRUITS/VEGETABLES, PASTA, CANNED SAUCE, RICE, ETC.

DROP-OFF LOCATION: STATE CAPITOL

AT THESE WALMARTS
KAUAI - MAUI

AND KTA STORES
HILO - WAIKOLOA - KONA - KAMUELA



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Hawaii Lions Statewide Spring Food Drive
Saturday, May 10, 2025 / 8am-12pm
HAWAI'I STATE CAPITOL
WALMARTS – KAUAI * MAUI
KTA SUPER STORES – HILO * WAIKOLOA * KONA * KAMUELA
Visit hawaiilions.org for additional food collection locations & times

In partnership with the **Hawaii Foodbank**, **The Food Basket**, **Maui Food Bank**, and the **Kauai Independent Food Bank**, hundreds of Hawaii Lions & youth LEO Club volunteers throughout the State will staff the collection sites and will be accepting canned goods and non-perishable items:

Water • Juice • Hot/Cold Cereal • Oatmeal • Snacks
Canned Fruits & Vegetables • Pasta • Canned Sauce • Rice

On Oahu, the Lions will be collecting at the Hawaii State Capitol's drive through at 235 South Beretania Street. For neighbor islands, please visit participating Walmarts & KTA Super Stores listed here. More rural locations are listed on our website @hawaiilions.org

Many families in Hawaii have difficulty putting food on their table; it is especially a challenge when good people are struggling to make ends meet. You can be part of the Lions effort by making a difference, helping those that really need help.

Hawaii's food banks continually need to have its inventory replenished. Canned foods are the **MOST WANTED** items that supply the food pantries, feeding programs, homeless & abuse shelters, rehabilitation centers and soup kitchens.

Through the network of island food banks and their local food pantries and meal programs, it's providing food assistance to more than 123,000 households encompassing 287,000 Islanders—or one in six island residents—including 82,420 keiki and over 46,000 kupuna. (data circa 2022)

Monetary donations will be accepted and very much appreciated at the drop off areaa. Cash is welcomed. Every \$10 dollars donated, enables the food banks to distribute 25 meals per day. Please make your **tax deductible** check payable to **"HAWAII FOODBANK", "THE FOOD BASKET", "MAUI FOOD BANK", or "KAUAI INDEPENDENT FOOD BANK"**. Virtual donations can be made here:

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/CFD/HawaiiLions>

The International Association of Lions Clubs, known for their motto of "We Serve,". Hawai'i Lions statewide bring about many positive changes in our communities by implementing and completing projects that help to improve and support a variety of efforts to sustain the livelihood of these communities.

For more info: Contact **Ellsworth Fujii**

Hawaii Lions Member and Chairman of the Food Drive

Find out more about the Hawaii Lions and becoming a member by visiting the website

www.hawaiilions.org



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!

ALOHA PONO

Lion Victor Cordero



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Jenny Delos Santos



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Pancho Delos Santos



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Christopher Frausto



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Paul Fujihara



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Koah Goings



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Marjorie Lazaro



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Celeste Limcaco



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Ernesto Limcaco Jr.



Sponsor:
Lion Denise Werle

Lion Leslie Yamashita



Sponsor:
Lion Randall Kakuda

WAIANAE

Lion Harolyn loane



Sponsor:
Lion Connie Burchett

Lion Muriel loane



Sponsor:
Lion Connie Burchett

WAIKIKI 2000

Lion Kennly Asato



Sponsor:
Lion Lynda Asato

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WEST KAUAI

Lion Crystallyn Bilyeu



Sponsor:
Lion Shirley
Simbre-Medeiros

Lion Phyllis Correia



Sponsor:
Lion Shirley
Simbre-Medeiros

Lion Marie Grace Jamorabon



Sponsor:
Lion Vanessa Udarbe

Lion Ella Kimekeo



Sponsor:
Lion Naoko Ho

DG Lori's Photos of the Month

Hawaii Cyber Lions

Hybrid visitation with some members in person and the rest on zoom.
IPDG CJ and CIS Lion BJ also came to visit.



Lions club of Honolulu

Hybrid zoom and in person meeting.
Other members were on zoom.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Valuable information for all Lions!

Sunday, May 18th @ 7:00 p.m.

Health & Wellness Seminar:

**Traumatic Brain Injury &
Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment**

Presenter: Lion Dr. James Yamashita

Monday, May 26th @ 6:30 p.m.

PDG Cecelia Izuo's Best Practices:

"Meet Our New DG Team"

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 Plan/Borthwick Mortuary

Subject to change

Contact: Rene Mansho
Facebook "Going Green"

May	10	Kailua Elementary School
	17	Nuuanu Congregational Church
	23	DAGS/DLNR - Kalanimoku Bldg
	31	Castle High School
Jun	7	Lanakila Multipurpose Senior Center
	14	Waialua High & Intermediate School
	21	Central Union Church
	28	Aiea Hongwanji Mission

MEMORIAL DAY REQUEST!

Lei Stringing

Friday, May 23rd 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Contact:

Lion Arlene Shimokawa

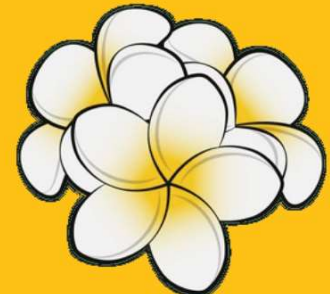
Kapilina Beach Homes has been the largest donor of plumeria lei for the Punchbowl graves for Memorial Day. **Moanalua Lions** boasts a Lion member who is also part of Kapilina Beach Homes.

This year, Kapilina Beach Homes is asking the Lions for assistance in stringing the plumeria for the leis that will be placed on the Punchbowl graves. Kapilina is providing the lei needles, string, and plumerias; it only needs the Lions' loving labor to string the leis.

The date is Friday, May 23rd, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.; however, you may state your hours of availability for stringing the lei.

Can you please respond to Arlene at sishimokawa@outlook.com whether you or your friends and family, fellow Lions, or neighbors would be willing to donate your time by May 21st.

Any assistance will be appreciated for this mammoth project.



Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training

Attention Lions of District 50 Hawaii!

Did you receive CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training? If you have and DID NOT receive a helmet, vest, and backpack, please let me know. I will need proof of your certification, and I will be happy to issue the equipment.

If you know of any non-Lions that have taken the CERT course and would like to help form an emergency response team, please let me know. I would love to have them become part of the **District 50 Hawaii Lions Alert Team**.

Speaking of CERT, please let me know if you, your family, and/or your friends would like to attend this life-saving course.

Lastly, a friendly reminder, June is Hurricane Season. Start preparing NOW!

PDG Garrett Ogawa
Emergency Awareness



Congratulations Proud Lions Fourth Cabinet Meeting

These Lions completed 7 tasks in order to earn the Proud Lion Award. They receive a certificate and pin for their efforts.





LOKOMAIKA'I OUTSTANDING LION

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

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



Lion Christopher Aguinaldo Hawaii Cyber Lions

Lion Christopher takes on duties other than expected. He stepped up to be the service chair and played an important role.



CIS Lion Peggy Oyama Hawaii Cyber Lions

CIS Lion Peggy is the charter President of Hawaii Cyber Lions, is now a Tucson Cyber Lion, and is still active with Hawaii Cyber Lions. She has been an active advisor and spearheaded the Kupuna Cards and First Responders Cards Project.



Lion Scott Sakata Hawaii Cyber Lions

Lion Scott has been the Hawaii lead with the Kupuna Cards and First Responders Cards project, delivering the cards to the many locations.



Lion Bixby Ho Hawaii Cyber Lions

Lion Bixby Ho has been a great help and is there wherever there is a need. He helps the club move forward.



Lion Chance Naauao-Ota Hawaii Cyber Lions

Lion Chance, although being a student and working, has taken on the challenge of being the President and Secretary of the club.



Lion Kyle Laconsay Lions club of Honolulu

Lion Kyle has great leadership and enthusiasm. She effectively moderates their meetings and discussions, resulting in consensus and moving the club forward.



Lion Mick Laconsay Lions club of Honolulu

Lion Mick brings solid ideas and solutions to issues facing the club. He also maintains the financial stability of the club.



Lion Dennis Ting Lions club of Honolulu

Lion Dennis is a "worker bee" who can be counted on for help on any endeavor. He provides transportation for members who otherwise are unable to participate in club activities.

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PDG Bernard Ho
Lions club of Honolulu

PDG Bernard, member emeritus of LCH, gives valuable sage advice on matters large and small. He is a great resource with knowledge and experience for the club.



Lion Abe Wong
Lions club of Honolulu

With the Centennial for Lions club of Honolulu coming up in 2026, Co-President Lion Abe is spearheading the LCH Centennial Planning Committee by creating spreadsheets, announcements, new logos, and pins.



Lion Raynard Chun
Lions club of Honolulu

Board member Lion Raynard consistently attends Lions meetings and projects and supports the Lions Club of Honolulu



100%!

Lion Gordon Lee
Lions club of Honolulu

Lion Gordon always attends the monthly meetings and has just become a Melvin Jones member. He is one of the up-and-coming leaders in the club.



Lion Connie Burchett
Waianae Lions Club

Lion Connie has been working hard at reviving her club. She has continued to do service projects and recruited two quality members. Her goal is to get more members who want to serve their community.



Were you there?



**2009
 Convention
 Fun Night at the
 Pagoda Hotel**

Photo courtesy of
 Lion Irwin Santos

D50 Lions in Action

KINDNESS MATTERS

Acts of kindness by Lions for Lions...Lion Wayne (**Waiakea**) shared his good cheer by visiting Lions Ken Rosene, Kenneth Uemura & Bob Kawakone.



Over three days,
Waiakea Lions Club
members helped to
pack 1,930 cases of
food at
The Food Basket!

*Submitted by
Lion Keani Shirai*



LIONS IN THE PARK

The
Lions of Region 7
(East Hawaii) joined
the rest of
District 50 Lions and
spent a beautiful
day in the park at
Liliuokalani Garden.

*Submitted by
Lion Keani Shirai*



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Aloha Pono Lions Club helped the Easter Bunny hippity-hop early to the children at the domestic violence shelter run by the Domestic Violence Action Center. Generous Aloha Pono members donated stuffed animals and dozens of plastic eggs filled with candies to the shelter families. Easter project Chairperson Jenny Delos Santos received a thank-you note from the shelter manager thanking our club for blessing the keiki with Easter treats and stuffed animals. She said that the kids were so happy to receive treats and stuffed animals!

Submitted by Lion Aileen Deese



Akaka Falls Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro



Standing, finally, after a couple of hours of squatting, bending, and kneeling while pulling weeds at our quarterly Legacy zone project at Liliuokalani Gardens.

One of several craft sessions making decorative wine bottle tags for our upcoming Taste of Elegance Wine tasting fundraiser on May 31st, featuring two Sommeliers.



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We are preparing for our annual garage sale. On April 12, we raised over \$1,200 to kick off our fundraising for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Lion Shasta Yamada (**Koko Head**) hosted an action-packed Good Friday Board Game Night, bringing together Lions club members, families, and friends for fun and fellowship!

Sharing the Lions Club spirit in Hawaii!

Submitted by 1VDG Sean Benito



The **West Kauai Lions** and **Waimea High School Leos** participated in a successful Kekaha Community Easter Egg Hunt. Several community organizations also participated: Hanapepe Salvation Army, E Ola Mau Na Leo O, Aloun Farms, Kekaha Agricultural Association, and Wong's Chinese Restaurant & Bakery.

There were toys, bicycles, food, and over 1,500 colored, hard-boiled eggs for over 120 children ages 12 and under!

*Submitted by
PDG Eric
Nordmeier*



Moanalua Lions Club

Building Hope with *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*

Submitted by Lion President Eddie Lisuzzo



The spirit of community service was vibrant on March 29th as members of the **Moanalua Lions Club**, Alan Shintani Inc., and members of the community joined forces with the Hawaii chapter of *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* (SHP) in a heartwarming initiative. The collaboration saw Lions Club and ASI volunteers actively participating in the essential first steps of bed construction – meticulously cutting and sanding lumber. This crucial preparation enables *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* to fulfill its mission of providing comfortable and safe beds to children in need across the islands. *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* is a remarkable organization dedicated to ensuring that no child sleeps on the floor. Through the tireless efforts of volunteers, they build and deliver sturdy, handcrafted beds to children who lack this basic necessity, fostering a sense of security and well-being.

The **Moanalua Lions Club** envisions a powerful partnership where *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* could provide beds for children transitioning into stable housing through Family Promise's programs. This potential collaboration would offer a more comprehensive support system for families in need, ensuring not only a roof over their heads but also a comfortable and dignified place for their children to sleep.

"We were deeply moved by the mission of *Sleep in Heavenly Peace* and the immediate impact they have on children's lives," said a representative from the **Moanalua Lions Club**. "Seeing our members contribute to the creation of these beds was incredibly rewarding. We believe that by connecting them with

Family Promise, we can further extend our collective reach and provide even greater support to vulnerable families in our community."

This initiative underscores the power of community collaboration and the dedication of organizations like the **Moanalua Lions Club** to identifying and addressing crucial needs within their local area. The potential partnership with Family Promise promises to be a significant step towards building a stronger and more supportive network for families facing hardship in Hawaii.



Waikiki 2000 Lions Club

W2K Lions in April

Submitted by Lion June Ching



On April 6, 2025, **Waikiki 2000 Lions** undertook their annual “Hunger” project of assembling food bags for 24 Project Dana kupuna. Lion President Charis Matsuwaki, Vice President Cheryl Char, and Treasurer Marie Luna coordinated this partnership event to support the elders by providing healthy, convenient, non-perishable items for the food bags. Lion Eloise Balais adorned each bag with a brightly colored bow and floral tag. Upon completion, the Lions presented the gift bags to Project Dana Executive Director Maria Morales and Assistant Madisyn Sim.



Welcome to Lion Kennly Asato, **W2K's** newest Lion, who was inducted on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025, by PDG Shannon Ching. Lion Lynda Asato, mother of Kennly, was her sponsoring Lion and Proud Lion Awardee mentor. Congratulations!

Chinatown Lions Lions Sweep the Walk

In celebration of Earth Day, Chinatown Lions took to sweeping Chinatown's sidewalks throughout the month of April. On April 6th, joined by Koko Head, Manoa, and Moanalua Lions, we swept along North King Street to A'ala Park. Efforts continued on the 13th with 7 of Chinatown Lions. The last day, the 26th, saw Farrington Leos joining in the sweep. Mahalo to all the Lions for coming out to support us!



April 13th



April 6th



Pictured group for Apr 6, Lions from Chinatown Lions, Koko Head, Manoa, and Moanalua



Through both rainy and sunny weather, the Lions and Leos meticulously picked up cigarette butts, glass, plastic, and much more, with supplies provided by the Honolulu City & County. Each event lasted 2 hours, and in the total 6 hours of clean up, tens of bags of litter were collected and disposed of. The change did not go unnoticed by members of the community as they were thrilled to see Chinatown Lions serving once again. One passerby exclaimed, "I can't believe it!" Some others were inspired to join future clean-up efforts. Earth Day is just one holiday of the year, but we will always take care of our home.



Submitted by Lion Jenny White

New Voices: The Making of a PSA

Submitted by Lion Renee Ako

Photos by Lions Pam Lee & Renee Ako

*The New Voices Lions are a diverse group selected for their dynamic and innovative contributions in the areas of: service (Lion Jenny White, **Honolulu Chinatown**), membership (Lion Paul Seto, **Kahului**), leadership (Lion Chris Chow, **Waikiki 2000**) and marketing (Lion Renee Ako, **Koko Head**).*

On April 6th, the New Voices Lions captured enough footage to create 12 PSAs (public service announcements) focusing on Lions Clubs International's eight global causes, D50's disaster response efforts in Maui, and how D50 is making a difference in our communities. These PSAs will be submitted for broadcast through Olelo Community Media and shared on social media platforms. We also hope to be able to secure airtime on our local television stations. Ideas for having our PSAs shown to the public are welcome!

The idea for creating these PSAs came up during a Zoom meeting in which the group prepared for their appearance on PDG Cecelia's Best Practices meeting (1/27/25). After much thought, the New Voices Lions felt that such an undertaking was too daunting a project. However, New Voices co-chairs, Lion Pam Lee (**Honolulu Chinatown**) and Lion Frances Lum (**Hawaii Kai**), were undeterred. They recruited Lion Shasta Yamada (**Koko Head**), a certified producer and trainer with Olelo Community Media, to spearhead the project. Lion Shasta majored in film production and has produced over 100 PSAs.

What is involved in the making of a PSA?

Here are some highlights:

Scheduling: Trying to coordinate the schedules of some of the busiest D50 Lions was quite an achievement! The group



included three of the New Voices Lions (Lion Paul was traveling and filmed his segment separately), two New Voices co-chairs, PID Bob Lee (**Honolulu Chinatown**), DG Lori Inouye-Yamashita (**Manoa**), and Producer Lion Shasta.

Location: Lion Renee opened her home for two days of filming, but due to the excellent preparation and direction from Lion Shasta, we were able to finish in one afternoon (about 3 hours)!

Scripts: The New Voices Lions were each assigned two global causes and asked to provide four major points about the assigned topic and the goal of each PSA. From their input, Lion Shasta expertly created 30 second and 60 second scripts. These scripts were the biggest challenge of the project, and without the expertise and knowledge of Lion Shasta, it would have been unmanageable.

Successes: Every project has its successes, and here are some of ours. We worked together to find photos that would help the PSAs tell our stories. On the day of filming, Lion Pam worked behind the scenes to help document the afternoon as the project photographer. Lion Frances assisted the group by being the impromptu teleprompter operator. Patrick, a colleague of Lion Shasta, assisted with lighting. The filming flowed

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smoothly under Lion Shasta's leadership. And as always, Lions came bearing gifts of food, so we were all well fed.

Thoughts from the New Voices Lions: (Lion Paul was traveling and unable to join us.)

Lion Jenny "It was a nerve-wracking experience to be in front of the camera, especially as a representative for the Lions. However, I was proud to be a part of an opportunity that would allow us to speak on what it really means to us as Lions. Being able to actually verbalize what we do reminded me of how much serving means to me. I can't wait to see how the video turns out!"

Lion Renee "I was incredibly nervous and uncomfortable trying to appear calm in front of the camera. I kept messing up my lines, but Lion Shasta helped me get through it. I have never been a part of a project like this. Another opportunity for personal development and growth thanks to being a Lion!"

Lion Chris "District 50 Lions always find ways to push me out of my comfort zone, and making this PSA was no exception! The support from Lions, both in front of and behind the camera, made the whole experience fun and helped calm my nerves. Having encouraging people around—and a little 'teleprompter' magic—made all the difference!"



New Voices
2024-2025

FILMING PSAs, CANVA SKILLS & MORE

Lion Shasta Yamada will serve as the GLT Chair in 2025-2026. The team will continue the popular Monthly Best Practices series and will host an impactful Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI) training.

New in the upcoming year will be the launch of a 5-part workshop series focused on promoting your club's projects and service.

Topics include:

1. Crafting Effective Elevator Pitches
2. Canva Basics – Flyers, Posters & More
3. Filming & Editing Short PSAs for TV & Social Media
4. Social Media 101
5. Canva Advanced Skills

Lion Shasta is also exploring the opportunity to host leadership skills workshops

open to the public in partnership with the Young Professional Lions Program. These sessions aim to attract new members and community leaders who are interested in giving back and growing with Lions.

Stay tuned for dates and registration info—let's strengthen our clubs and communities together!

Kīnā'ole Lions Club

Charter Night

Submitted by Lion Alwin Wo

On April 17, 2025, we celebrated the Charter Night of the **Honolulu Kīnā'ole Lions** at Natsunoya Tea House. It was a fun-filled evening with great food and fantastic fellowship. The **Kīnā'ole Lions Club** was chartered on February 17, 2025, and we had 17 members present at the celebration, with 17 being brand new to Lions Club.

Our club has engaged in various projects, including E-waste recycling at Ho'okele Elementary, Moanalua High School, and Pearl Harbor Elementary School; made shave ice at the Onizuka Day of Exploration and the Ho'okele Craft fair. We have incorporated the eight Lion pillars into our projects that our club focuses on.

The **Kīnā'ole Lions Club** wishes to extend gratitude to everyone that made this night special for us:

Our Guiding Lion

PDG Garrett Ogawa, whose leadership inspires us.

Our Sponsor Club

Aloha Pono, for their steadfast support.

District Governor

Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita, for her guidance and encouragement.

Master of Ceremonies

Lion Pono Higa, whose charisma brought our celebration to life.

We would also like to thank the following clubs for their attendance: **Aloha Pono, Chinatown, Hilo Crescent City, Kahaluu, Kamehameha, Kaneohe, Koko Head, Kuhio, Leeward, Manoa, Moanalua, Pali, Pearl City, Waikiki 2000, and Kīnā'ole Lions Club.**



Additionally, we are incredibly grateful to the Lions and clubs who generously contributed monetary donations, including:

DG Dr. Lori Inouye-Yamashita & Jim Yamashita

2VDG Cedric Mitsui

Lyle Apo

Gabby Balais

Aloha Pono

Shannon & June Ching

Garrett & Danielle Ogawa

CJ & BJ Kalopodes

Aileen & Howard Deese

Kuhio Lions Club

Your support empowers us to continue making a positive difference in our community. Together, we are creating a brighter future! Make your Mark!

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Kīnā'ole Lions Club Charter Night

Hawai'i Lions in Action

Submitted by 1VDG Sean Benito

From parades in Honolulu,
 To charters new and bright,
 Our Lions' noble service shines with island light.
 Chinatown and Kīnā'ole, West Kauai too,
 Celebrating charters with hearts strong and true.
 Great Aloha runners, KMC Forum's might,
 Leaders emerging, their skills taking flight.
 Lions Day in the park, a gathering of pride,
 At Merrie Monarch, we're helping with parking outside.
 Past President Brandel with Al and Maureen,
 Hilo Crescent Leos fundraising, their spirits keen.
 Mililani's breakfast, GAT dinner's delight,
 Kapolei's Easter egg hunt bringing children's smiles bright.
 East Hawai'i's Legacy Project stands tall and grand,
 Lions serving with aloha across our beautiful land.
 This collage captures moments of service and heart,
 As D50 Hawai'i Lions continue to do their part.

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Aloha mai kākou!
A Heartfelt Message From Your 1st VDG

UNREAL convention coming to Oahu!! So excited to see all you D50 Lions celebrating one AMAZINGFUL year togeddah! Mind-blowing speakers, heartfelt stories, pure MAGIC!

BIG MAHALO to District Governor Lori and her team for sharing so much aloha! Mark dose calendars - we goin' laugh, learn, and make memories dat last forevah!

IMUA LIONS! 🌺🦁

Lion Bruddah Sean

Practicing Lions Protocol... Is Sharing Aloha!

BY PDG BLAYNE HANAGAMI, PROTOCOL CHAIR
AKAKA FALLS LIONS CLUB

PART VI: FINAL SUBMITTAL



By the time this edition of Leo Liona reaches you, you and your club members surely enjoyed another memorable Lions experience meeting up with old friends, making new ones, but most of all, we were reminded of all the reasons we joined the **largest and best service organization in the world!**

My final submittal will simply be reminders and a call for continued recognition of the Order of Protocol, the practice of etiquette, acknowledgment and courtesies afforded to all our fellow Lions in Hawaii and internationally. As much as the Order of Protocol is sometimes viewed as the specific "science of seats" and proper order of introductions, it can, and should be extended and integrated with our unique brand of District 50 Aloha!

Assorted anonymous questions from across the district and my personal responses are NOT official responses from LCI or D50. Again, the desired outcome is to shed light on a topic typically foreign to our main purpose at hand - **SERVING!**

Q: Why do Hawaii Lions and Lions across the globe go through the trouble to formally and repeatedly introduce dignitaries, ensure correct seating, and participate in ceremonial gestures? Wouldn't it be more expeditious to commence with "just serving?"

A: As part of an International Organization, it is critical that we honor our global organization and its leaders when convening official matters around our global mission: We Serve! It not only respectfully recognizes our unified global organization and its leaders, it affords a host District/Club to uniquely honor our guests incorporating its local customs and gestures. Honoring our universality as well as local uniqueness make Lions the global leaders in service!

Q: I'm usually uncomfortable and unfamiliar with the Order of Protocol introductions and seating. Making an error in formality may be insulting to our guests and embarrassing for our club. Your thoughts?

A: My personal take: no one in attendance (guests, Lion dignitaries) would be slighted or offended. I humbly believe that if the intent to properly recognize the Order of Protocol is done in good faith, then the host club is sincerely showing the proper respect and recognition our dignitaries deserve. A helpful hint: reach out at your club level, as many PDG's, past club, zone, and district officers are familiar with ceremonial gestures. Of course, there is also a wealth of resources at your zone, region and district levels! The key: reach out in advance well before your hosted event. Most, if not all, appreciate a well-planned, respectful Lions event!

**GOOD LUCK AND LET'S CONTINUE TO PRACTICE OUR UNIQUE BRAND OF OUR
DISTRICT 50 ORDER OF PROTOCOL - ALWAYS WITH ALOHA!**



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Lion Gary Nip, LCIF D50 Coordinator

Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF) is not an award; rather, it is a recognition given to humanitarians who have donated \$1,000 or a club that has donated \$1,000 in a member's name. LCIF tracks all donations no matter the amount and when it reaches \$1,000 Lions can apply for a MJF or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowship (PMJF) if you are already a MJF.

After the 4th D50 Cabinet Meeting on Thursday May 1st at the Ala Moana Hotel, we will have a special LCIF event. Our international guest will be Immediate Past International President (IPIP) Dr Patti Hill. She is the current LCIF Chairperson and will pin D50 Lions with MJF or PMJF:

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| 1. DG Lori Inouye-Yamashita (Manoa) | 32. Lion Masuo Kino (Kamehameha) |
| 2. Lion James Yamashita (Manoa) | 33. Lion Sandra Matsushima (Kapahulu-Moilili) |
| 3. PDG Nadine Nishioka (Manoa) | 34. Lion Renee Ako (Koko Head) |
| 4. PDG Garrett Ogawa (Manoa) | 35. Lion Arlene Shimokawa (Moanalua) |
| 5. Lion May Thomas (Manoa) | 36. Lion Alan Shintani (Moanalua) |
| 6. Lion Steven Wong (Manoa) | 37. Lion Jennifer Shintani (Moanalua) |
| 7. Lion Patricia Dunn (Akaka Falls) | 38. Lion Jacqueline Cabebe (Waikiki 2000) |
| 8. PDG Alan Garson (Akaka Falls) | 39. Lion Julia Putes (Kahaluu) |
| 9. PDG Blayne Hanagami (Akaka Falls) | 40. Lion Amparo Cabico (Kapolei City) |
| 10. Lion Myron Isherwood (Akaka Falls) | 41. Lion Donald Yamato (Kapolei City) |
| 11. Lion Joan Kawakone (Akaka Falls) | 42. Lion Stuart Cain (Kauai North Shore) |
| 12. Lion Hiroshi Shima (Akaka Falls) | 43. Lion Louis Lafratta (Kauai North Shore) |
| 13. Lion Eloisa Mizuno (Haleakala) | 44. Lion Jonathan McRoberts (Kauai North Shore) |
| 14. Lion Wayne Kuwaye (Waiakea) | 45. Lion Debbie Mabuni (Kona) |
| 15. Lion Kyle Laconsay (Honolulu) | 46. Lion Virginia Padayhag (Leeward Oahu) |
| 16. Lion Gordon Lee (Honolulu) | 47. Lion Wendell Hosea (Mana Loa Nimitz) |
| 17. Lion Donna Tamasese (Honolulu) | 48. Lion Ronald Bauman (Molokai) |
| 18. Lion Katherine Hirata (Ala Moana) | 49. Lion Linda Mina (Molokai) |
| 19. Lion Sachiko Trillo (Ala Moana) | 50. Lion Guy Inouye (Pearl City) |
| 20. Lion Denise Werle (Aloha Pono) | 51. Lion Raymond Nii (Pearl City) |
| 21. PID Robert Lee (Chinatown) | 52. PDG Chris Tamura (Pearl City) |
| 22. Lion Pam Davis-Lee (Chinatown) | 53. Lion Linda Tsuruma (Pearl City) |
| 23. Lion Harriet Lee (Chinatown) | 54. PDG Jack Kampf (Wahiawa) |
| 24. SVDG Cedric Mitsui (Chinatown) | 55. Surprise (Waikoloa) |
| 25. Lion Steven Yoshimura (Chinatown) | 56. PDG Chris Morris (Waikoloa) |
| 26. Surprise (Chinatown) | 57. Lion Lee Morris (Waikoloa) |
| 27. Surprise (Chinatown) | 58. Lion Sue Sorberts (Waikoloa) |
| 28. Lion Cynthia Chun (Hawaii Kai) | 59. Lion Kay Hill (West Kauai) |
| 29. Lion Richard Halverson (Hawaii Kai) | 60. Lion Naoko Ho (West Kauai) |
| 30. Lion David Iwana (Hawaii Kai) | 61. PDG Eric Nordmeier (West Kauai) |
| 31. Lion Lyle Apo (Kamehameha) | |



PDG Cecelia Izuo, Global Membership Team Coordinator



MISSION 1.5

**DO YOUR PART
MAKE IT HAPPEN**

Action Plan to Recruit New Volunteers/Members

Exercise #1: Write a sentence about two projects (club or district) that you are passionate about.

• Project 1: _____

• Project 2: _____

Exercise #2: Write a sentence about new projects that your club or district will be doing.

• Project 1: _____

• Project 2: _____

Exercise #3: List 5 people that you can contact to invite to an upcoming service project.

First Name	Last Name	Email	Phone	Other Info Their Passion



Aloha!

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Pearl City Lions Club 60th Anniversary Charter Banquet

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5 P.M. – 9 P.M.

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HONOLULU, HI 96818

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MAIL TO: PEARL CITY LIONS CLUB, PO BOX 48,
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CONTACT: PEARL CITY LIONS, TAD TSURUMA



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Serving since 1971

Charter Anniversary Celebration
and

Officer and Director Installation



Come and join us for brunch!

- on Sunday, May 18, 2025
- from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
- in the private dining room at The Clubhouse Mililani (on the Mililani Golf Club grounds) at 95-176 Kuahelani Avenue
- for \$25.

Dim Sum After Park Clean Up



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



Join Chinatown Lions by signing up here:

<https://bit.ly/dimsumafterthepark>

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



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

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RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 5 - CONTACT DONNA MIYASHIRO

OR PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE
KLCFOUNDATION.ORG

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