

# The Roar of the Lion



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## Highlights from the Q1 D50 Cabinet Meeting

Aloha! The District 50 Q1 Cabinet meeting was held August 9, 2025. The District Governor (“DG”) Sean Benito and his cabinet and committee representatives outlined their ideas and plans for this fiscal year. This year’s plan includes 3 weeks of service dedicated to mental health, hunger, and the environment. DG Sean wrote to “start with service, and the rest will fall into place (membership grows, clubs flourish, communities shine, leaders rise, and lives, including our own, are transformed)”.

“Mission 1.5” is to have 1.5 million Lions members worldwide. We currently have 1.37 million Lions, with over 50,000 Lions clubs in over 200 countries! Always carry an application with you and wear your Lions pin. Invite friends and family to your projects. If you don’t have either an application nor pin, let us know, and we can get you one!

Lions’ eight Global Causes and Initiatives are: vision, hunger, diabetes, childhood cancer, environment, disaster relief, humanitarian aid, mental health and well-being. If you have an idea for a project involving any of these, let’s get to work to make that project a reality. If you want help, please let us know.

Volunteer opportunity: help the Red Cross install smoke detectors statewide; training provided by the Red Cross.

This year’s 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-District Governor is Dr. Cedric Mitsui. Cedric was integral to the formation of our very own Hawaii Cyber Lions Club in 2019! 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice District-Governor is Tony Tassillio of the Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club, which is part of our Region 9, Zone 1.

Please continue to support our Maui Wildfires affected communities and residents. Donate to Hawaii Lions Foundation, 405 North Kuakini Street # 801 Honolulu, HI 96817, [www.hawaiilions.org/hlf](http://www.hawaiilions.org/hlf) or mail a check to Lions Club of Maui, P.O. Box 6224 Kahului, HI 96733. Thank you very much.



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## Hawaii Cyber Lions Fundraiser Announcement

### Upcoming HCLC Panda Express Fundraisers September 19 & October 31, 2025:

Mahalo! We had a successful Panda Express fundraiser on August 8, thanks to the many people who spread the word and ordered online at Panda Express nationwide!

We will do it again two more times on September 19 and October 31.

Please help us fundraise! <https://www.community-fundraiser.com/virtual-fundraiser/events/promotions/94f37bd4-2857-043d-48a6-571f88ae1070/en/landing>

Please share the details far and wide.

You can either order online (online order code 9005202), using the Panda Express app, or ordering in person, but make sure to provide the code on your order. Thank you for all your support! If you have any questions, please contact Lion Bixby Ho (bixby.ho@gmail.com, (808) 561-2186).

*“Mahalo for your continuing support to Hawaii Cyber Lions!”*

### The Lions Pledge

I pledge allegiance to my country and to the cause of peace throughout the world. I believe in the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics and will embody these principles by serving my community and supporting our global foundation. I am proud to be a Lion, dedicated to the service of others.

## Lions News You Can Use!

**July 15, 2025: Project Dana's** Madisyn Sim, daughter of one of our former charter members, Colin Sim, spoke to our club via Zoom about volunteer opportunities with her non-profit organization. The club's Kupuna Cards Team decided to donate Christmas cards to Project Dana's seniors this year. Members are also invited to volunteer with Project Dana by helping seniors in their homes and getting around town to appointments, etc. If interested, please let us know. You can watch our recorded Zoom meeting (contact Bixby Ho at bixby.ho@gmail.com, (808) 561-2186), or reach out directly to Madisyn at [madisyn@projectdana.org](mailto:madisyn@projectdana.org), (808) 945-3736, [www.ProjectDana.org](http://www.ProjectDana.org).

**July and August 2025: Kupuna Cards Team** continues to make cards for First Responders Day, October 28, 2025, as well as Christmas cards for kupuna.

**August/September 2025:** Loyal Mehrhoff (Sept. 3-8) and Peggy Oyama (Aug. 25-Sept. 8) will be in Honolulu to attend the celebration of life of Lion Rick Yee on Sept. 6. They hope they might see some of you while in Hawaii!



*Lion Robert Takeshita and HCLC Vice President Lion Peggy Oyama at Liliha Bakery*

## Meet Lion Robert Takeshita!

Robert Takeshita recently retired from Territorial Savings in May 2025. He is getting settled in to retirement, working on his “Honey do” list, and enjoying time visiting with his children and grandchildren on the mainland. He and his wife hope to visit Japan next year. Robert currently volunteers with the Kalihi Business Foundation, and looks forward to the time when he’ll also be able to volunteer with the Cyber Lions.

Robert has been an amazingly truly man behind the scenes with the Hawaii Cyber Lions and to that we thank him for his service!

### Our Charter Members!

Chris Aguinaldo  
 Wil Chang  
 Chelsea Fujimori  
 Nicholas Grogg  
 Travis Ito  
 Dianna Jones  
 Aaron Masuoka  
 Loyal Mehrhoff  
 Justin Mew  
 Wesley Millacci  
 Dave Myers  
 May Nishijima  
 Peggy Oyama \*\*\*Charter President  
 Michael Ramos  
 Cynthia Reid  
 Paul Schell  
 Colin Sim  
 Robert Takeshita  
 Danny Tengan

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## Hawaii Cyber Lions: Our History

Hawaii Cyber Lions Club and Foundation was chartered on May 29, 2019 just short of the devastating pandemic. Hawaii Cyber Lions sprung into action by initiating an all hands on deck to creating face masks and face shields for our first responders and our kupuna or elders.

Since the pandemic, Hawaii Cyber Lions started producing greeting cards for our kupuna or elders and now expanding to our first responders.

Wherever you are either in Hawaii or Arizona or Canada or anywhere around the world, Hawaii Cyber Lions will always be there!

## Are you interested in getting a HCLC Pin?

Wherever you go whether it is to a Lions Cabinet Meeting or official function, you see those yellow vests brightly decorated with pins all over the world from the International President to the Mission 1.5 but one pin is auspiciously missing from that vest, it is the Hawaii Cyber Lions pin.

If you are interested in getting one, please let Lion Bixby Ho know via e-mail at [Bixby.ho@gmail.com](mailto:Bixby.ho@gmail.com)

Donations are always greatly appreciated.



*Hawaii Cyber Lions Pin*

## Up and coming events for District 50!

Sept. - "Give Aloha" program at Foodland; donate to Hawaii Lions Foundation, the non-profit arm of our Hawaii Lions organization.

Sept. 28, 2025 - Guiding Lion Program Workshop, 6 pm HST via Zoom and in person on Oahu; to RSVP, e-mail: [shastayamada@hawaiilions.org](mailto:shastayamada@hawaiilions.org)

Oct. 4 – 12, 2025 - week of service #1: Mental health and well-being.  
Can you think of a project that promotes mental health that our club could do?

Oct. 25, 2025 – Q2 Cabinet meeting - Lanakila Multi Purpose Senior Center, Honolulu, Oahu and via Zoom. Let us know if you'd like us to sign you up to attend.

Nov. 8, 2025 – by this deadline, we need to check our club's used eye-glass locations (on <https://www.hawaiilions.org/eyeglass-recycling/>), and notify Cecelia Izuo ([cilizuo@gmail.com](mailto:cilizuo@gmail.com)), or our box locations will be dropped from the D50 website.

Dec. 31, 2025 - grow membership in our club by 2 people

Jan. 3 – 11, 2026 - week of service #2: Hunger

Jan. 17 – 19, 2026 - Regional Lions Leadership Institute (RLLI)

Jan. 30 - 31, 2026 - Q3 Cabinet meeting at Kilauea Military Camp on Big Island

Mar. 26, 2026 - Nominations deadline for DG, 1VDG and 2 VDG

Apr. 18 – 26, 2026 - week of service #3: Environment

Apr. 23 – 25, 2026 – District 50 Convention, Hilo

July 3 – 7, 2026 - International Convention in Hong Kong



## Meet HCLC President Lion Chance!

Lion Chance has been a Hawaii Cyber Lion since 2021.

During his time he has served as membership chair, service director, Club Vice President, & current Club President. His first organized service project was the Kunawai Springs Urban Park Clean-Up. Outside of the Lions Club he is an employee with the Kalihi YMCA, serves on the Liliha/Puunui/Alewa/Kamehameha Heights Neighborhood Board, and is currently going to school for a Bachelors in Psychology. He is also a staunch advocate for mental health and wellness.



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*"We Serve!"*

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## Meet HCLC Advisor Loyal!

Lion Loyal Mehrhoff has been a member of the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club since 2019.

Lion Loyal has served as Club Treasurer, Secretary and as a Director. He is a retired botanist whose primary focus has been the protection of endangered plants and animals. He has worked for the Bishop Museum, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, U.S. Geological Survey, Center for Plant Conservation, and the Center for Biological Diversity.

Loyal is an avid nature photographer, gardener, and science fiction reader – and a not very good landscape painter.



Hawaii Cyber Lions Club and  
Foundation Board of Directors

President Chance K. Naauao-Ota

Vice President Peggy Oyama

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Membership Director Ken Duit

Service Chair Chris Aguinaldo

Advisor Loyal Mehrhoff

HCLF Board Member Gavin Hall

Charter President Peggy Oyama

## Contributing Cyber Lions for September Edition

Lion Peggy Oyama

Lion Robert Takeshita

Lion Chance Naauao-Ota

Lion Loyal Mehrhoff



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