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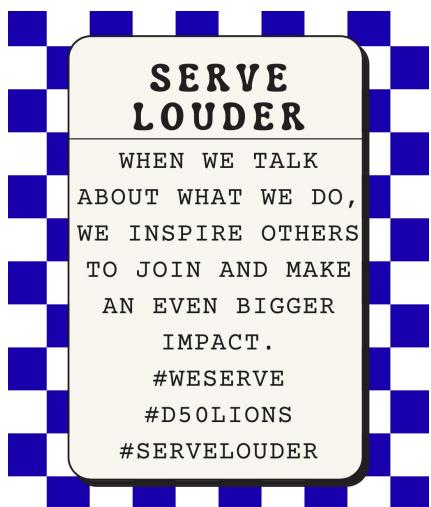
Cabinet Meetings

3rd Quarter - Jan. 31, 2026
 Kilauea Military Camp, HAWAII

4th Quarter - Apr. 23, 2026
 Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, HAWAII

**New Lions
 Roaring into Service!**

Akaka Falls
Aloha Pono
Kamehameha



Mission 1.5 Bulletin, Oct. 2025



District Governor's Message

D50 Hawai'i Lions Strategic Plan for 2025-2026 & The Story of Lion Jhade – How Service Opens Doors

Aloha Hawai'i Lions,

Sometimes the best recruitment stories begin not with a meeting, but with a moment of service.

I first met Lion Jhade back in December 2023, while our **Mana Loa Nimitz Lions Club**

was working on a graffiti clean-up project along the 'Aiea Bridge. We were out there doing what Lions do best — serving — when a gentleman passed by, parked his car, and stopped to check on it. We exchanged a friendly "hello," and thought nothing more of it.

A little while later, he passed by again, lingering nearby. I struck up a conversation and learned his name was Jhade. He mentioned that when he lived in Makakilo, his landlord had been a Lion — and right then, I could tell there was a spark of connection.

I asked if he might like to join us sometime for service, and he said yes. Soon after, President Dexter invited him to meet us for breakfast at Waimalu Shopping Center. We were just finishing our meal when Jhade walked in — and from that moment, he was part of the 'ohana.



President Dexter of the Mana Loa Nimitz Lions Club cleaning graffiti on the 'Aiea Bridge – December 2023. This was the day we met our future Lion, Jhade.

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2025-2026 District 50 Leadership

District Governor
Sean Benito

First Vice District Governor
Cedric Mitsui

**Second Vice
District Governor**
Tony Tassillio

**Immediate Past
District Governor**
Lori Inouye-Yamashita

Honorary District Governor
PDG Blayne Hanagami

Past International Director
Robert Lee

Cabinet Secretary
David Iwana

Cabinet Treasurer
Nikki Loh

Sergeant at Arms
Charles Ortiz

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PDG Gary Nip

Vice Chairperson
PDG C.J. Kalopodes

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IPDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita

PDG Garrett Ogawa

PDG Mitch Tam

DG Sean Benito

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Submissions

Lion Renee Ako, Editor

Please email submissions for the December issue by November 25th to leoliona@hawaiilions.org



Mana Loa Nimitz Lions Club
fundraising event – October 26,
2024.

why we do what we do —
seeing new Lions grow into
confident, active leaders in
their own right.

In January 2025, we met
again purely by chance at
the Navy Exchange in Salt
Lake, near the airport. He
recognized me instantly, and
we shared a few moments
catching up. He told me how
he was doing, shared his
story, and expressed how
grateful he was to have
become a Lion. We took a
quick photo together — a
perfect reminder that when
we serve with sincerity, those
connections stay with us.

If you ask me what the
District 50 Hawai‘i Lions
strategy is, the answer is
simple:

Do service. Be visible.

Invite.

That's how we grow — not
just in numbers, but in
purpose. People like Lion Jhade join because they want to
give back, to be part of something meaningful. When we
serve with open hearts, the right people find us.



With Lion Jhade at Mana Loa
Nimitz's fundraiser – October
26, 2024.



Catching up with Lion Jhade
at the Navy Exchange, Salt
Lake – January 2025.

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At our Monthly Best Practices Session hosted by PDG Cecilia on Monday, October 27, 2025, Lion Wayne Kuwaye from the **Waiākea Lions Club** asked a great question:

“What is District 50 Hawai‘i Lions’ strategic plan for this year?”

And my answer is this story. This is the plan. It’s not about complicated charts or long reports — it’s about living our mission through action.

When we serve consistently, stay visible in our communities, and invite others to join, we build the future of Lionism right here in Hawai‘i.

Before I close, I want to give a heartfelt shout-out to the **Mana Loa Nimitz Lions Club**, Past President Dexter, and his entire team. They are one of the most active clubs in our district — I see their emails almost every weekend, filled with photos, updates, and stories of service. Their commitment to serving their community with energy and heart truly represents what “Aloha in Action” looks like. Mahalo for leading by example and showing us all what it means to live the motto “We Serve.”

This is our legacy. This is how the torch of service keeps burning bright in Hawai‘i — one connection, one smile, and one act of Aloha at a time.

Because every act of service, no matter how small, lights a spark of hope in someone’s life.

When we choose to serve with love, we remind the world that Aloha is action — and that the greatest gift we can give.

With Aloha and Gratitude,

Lion Bruddah Sean

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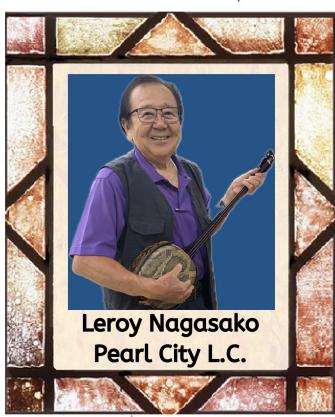
Stay connected for regular updates, district highlights, and service opportunities:

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

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Congratulations Proud Lions

Second Cabinet Meeting



Lions Can Help Nourish Our ‘Ohana During These Times of Crisis in Hawai‘i

Submitted by Lion Ellsworth Fujii, Hunger Awareness Chairperson

When our community struggles, Lions step forward.

A Growing Need Across Hawai‘i

The 42 million Americans who rely on the [Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program \(SNAP\)](#) will lose their benefits starting November 1 due to the federal government shutdown.

Here at home, the effects are rippling through every island. Thousands of residents have now missed multiple paychecks, with no clear date for when they'll be paid. Local workers tied to federal contracts are being laid off, small businesses are struggling to stay afloat, and families are facing difficult choices at the dinner table.

Our kūpuna on fixed incomes, keiki missing meals, and neighbors who never imagined they'd need help are all feeling the impact. **This may even include members of our own Lions ‘ohana.**

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please visit the following websites for **up-to-date food distribution locations and times:**

O‘ahu: [Hawai‘i Foodbank \(Oahu\)](#)

Hawai‘i Island: [The Food Basket](#)

O‘ahu: [The Pantry](#)

Kaua‘i: [Hawai‘i Foodbank \(Kaua‘i\)](#)

Maui: [Maui Food Bank](#)

Kaua‘i: [Kaua‘i Independent Food Bank](#)

How Lions Can Help

Now more than ever, Lions can make a difference. Here are meaningful ways to lend your helping hands and hearts:

1. Make a Gift

Support Hawai‘i families in need by making an online donation to a local Food Bank through this [website](#). Hawaii Lions are raising money today! Your gift provides **immediate relief** — every dollar helps put meals on the table for our neighbors. \$50 helps provide food for more than 100 meals!

2. Volunteer Your Time

The lines are growing longer each day as more families need help. Volunteers are urgently needed at food distribution sites across the state. If you can offer your time and support, please check the websites above for locations and volunteer opportunities.





D50 2ND QUARTER CABINET MEETING

Oct. 25, 2025
KEY Project, Kahalu'u HI



Blood Bank of Hawaii | ALS Hawaii | Hawaii Veterans |
LCIF | Lions Portal | Mililani Chit Chat Club's Mental Health
Awareness Service Project | Uncle John & the West Side
Kamaaina



Talking story, sharing ideas, and
planning the road ahead –
Lions united in service.



Mahalo to our photographers: Lions Pam Young,
Ric Ching, Heather Valdez & Matt Rangel
View their photos on [Hawaii Lions Facebook](#)





Lion Robert Lee
Past International Director 2022 -2024



Aloha Fellow Lions,

At the 2nd Quarter Cabinet meeting held on October 25, the cabinet approved a **loan** of up to \$10,000.00 from the Unrestricted Administrative Reserve, for the Centennial Committee to continue its work on the new District Aloha Shirt.



The funds are needed at this time to:

1. Insure the timely delivery of the shirts for the Hilo District Convention in April of 2026. The production and delivery schedules needed to meet the deadline require us to place the order prior to the sale of all 300 units. Currently we have orders for a little over 200 shirts.
2. As the shirts will also serve as the official District uniform and as the cabinet shirts for at least the next two administrations [Cedric Mitsui (2026-27); Tony Tassillio (2027-28)], a minimum inventory should be held for new members and cabinet appointees. Since this will be a one-time production run, we will not have the opportunity to purchase additional inventory at a later date. The inventory supply needs to be ordered now for future use.

Due to these considerations, the cabinet approved the use of the reserve, **as a loan**, subject of course to provisions under Article VIII, Section 2, which require the approval of the majority of clubs in the District.

The purpose of this shirt is to:

- Commemorate the centennial of our mother club, the Lions Club of Honolulu, and the century of Lions service in Hawaii!
- To finally replace the old 2015 Aloha shirt with a new and exclusive District shirt, something that many of you have been asking for!



Please note that this is a **loan**, to be repaid to the District upon further sales of the shirt. Without this funding, the fabrication of the Aloha shirt will undoubtedly be cancelled.

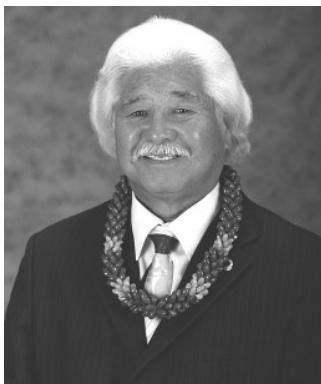
As noted, we need your approval for the use of the funds. We therefore ask for your support and vote when this proposal is presented at your club.

Your club's vote must be submitted to the Cabinet Secretary by no later than November 15, 2025.



Reminiscing Through the Years: D50's International Directors

Submitted by Lion Robert Lee, Past International Director 2022-2024



It was great to read the stories, the memories of Lion Maurice in the October Leo Fiona. An outpouring of aloha for a cherished member of our Lions Ohana, I'm sure each of us have fond and humorous tales to tell about the "silver fox."

PID Maurice Kahawaii

Lion Maurice was truly our Ambassador of Aloha, he and Lani always represented us with kindness and humility wherever they went. Even though I followed in his footsteps 15 years later as International Director, no matter where Pam and I traveled to, Lions would always come up and ask us about Maurice. They remembered that mane of white hair,

his gentle and loving smile, and that spirit of aloha he conveyed to everyone. He warmed the lives of many Lions and will be fondly remembered and missed.

Though PID Maurice and I both started as Lions on the Big Island, he with the Waiakea Lions Club in 1986, and me with the Kailua-Kona club a few years earlier, we really didn't know each other then. I had returned to Honolulu before Maurice and Lani moved to Kona. My first recollection of the "silver fox" was attending his convention in Waikoloa in 2004. We got to know each other during his term as ID in 2007-09, and certainly during the time leading up to the 2015 International Convention. My respect and admiration for both Maurice and Lani only grew, as Pam and I followed in their footsteps. He was a friend and a source of inspiration as I tried to fill the enormous shoes he left behind.

While reminiscing about Lion Maurice, I thought it would be a great time to recall some of the other Past International Directors from Hawaii. Since becoming its own single District in 1936, Hawaii has had ten (10) Directors serving on the International Board. Chronologically, based on their years of service:

Henry Nye	DG 1946-47	ID 1949-50	dec. 1953
Oren Long	DG 1948-49	ID 1959-61	dec. 1965
Val Marciel	DG 1954-55	ID 1965-67	dec. 1974
Paul Fernandez	DG 1970-71	ID 1973-75	dec. 2017
Shizuo Onishi	DG 1962-63	ID 1978-80	dec. 2001
Kiyoshi Hiramatsu	DG 1980-81	ID 1987-89	dec. 2010
Herbert Watanabe	DG 1979-80	ID 1993-95	dec. 2022
Melvin Nakamura	DG 1994-95	ID 2002-04	dec. 2018
Maurice Kahawaii	DG 2003-04	ID 2007-09	dec. 2025

And finally, yours truly who served as DG in 2018-19, and as International Director in 2022-24. Unfortunately, all the others have passed on.

PID Henry Nye

According to records, PID Henry Nye was a member of our mother club, the Lions Club of Honolulu. He was a leader in numerous civic and fraternal organizations, including the Boy

Scouts, St. Louis Alumni Association and the Order of Kamehameha. He served in the Territorial government as registrar of public accounts and then as deputy comptroller for the City until his death.

PID Oren Long

PID Oren Long was also a member of the Lions Club of Honolulu, and probably the most accomplished of all the past directors from Hawaii. He served as Territorial Governor of Hawaii from 1951-53, then served in the Territorial Senate from 1956-58. He was elected to the US Senate in 1959 and replaced by another Lion, Daniel Inouye in 1963, when he decided not to rerun.

PID Val Marciel

PID Val Marciel served as State Comptroller and as head of the State Department of Accounting and General Services in the mid 1960's. He was a member of the Koolaupoko Lions Club and then became charter president of the Pali Lions Club when it was formed in 1962.

PID Paul Fernandez

Of the Lions on the list, I was privileged to know the last six Directors starting with PID Paul Fernandez. I first met Lion Paul when I became a member of the Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club in 1990. Since his club, the Moanalua Lions Club, was in the same Zone as mine, we met often at Zone and inter-club functions. He owned a typewriter service and repair company and was President of the Kalihi Business Association. Lion Paul and his CIS Lion Pat, were humble, friendly and welcoming. He always had a story or joke to tell.

PID Shizuo Onishi

Next was PID Shizuo, who was inducted into the Leeward Oahu Lion Club in 1942 and later started and became a charter member of the Aiea Lions Club in 1951. I met Lion Shizuo only a few times, at the start of my Lions journey. He was instrumental in starting the Hawaii Lions Eye Foundation in 1960, which eventually became the Hawaii Lions Foundation many years later. Lion Shizuo retired from C&H Sugar to run for ID and after, served on the International Board again as an appointee for President Jim Fowler in 1982-83. Some of you may remember the pavilions that were built at the Aiea Bay State Park in honor of PID Shizuo, by the Lions.



From left to right: PID Phil Sterker, PID Paul Fernandez, PID Herbert Watanabe, PID Mel Nakamura, PID Bob Lee, PIP Patti Hill, PID Maurice Kahawaii.

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PID Kiyoshi Hiramatsu

PID Kiyoshi “K-Fat” Hiramatsu was a member of the East Manoa Lions Club, retired as a Honolulu police captain, then became a business development officer for a local bank. I met Lion K-Fat while I lived on the Big Island and as a member of the Kailua-Kona Lions Club in the mid 1980’s. We had gotten to be friends and whenever he came to Kona, we would often go golfing together with other Lions from the South Kona Aloha Lions Club.

PID Herbert Watanabe

PID Herbert was a Life Member of the Waiakea Lions Club, with 65 years of service. He was an educator with the State Department of Health, and was elected to the State Board of Education, serving as the Chairperson two terms. I got to know Lion Herb when I served as Zone Chair for DG Jimmy Low, who was also from the Waiakea Lions Club, in 1985-86. He could be stern and obstinate in those early days, but eventually mellowed out through the years. Our friendship grew when I became the Host Chair for the 2015 International Convention, and became a huge advocate and mentor as I decided to seek higher office.

PID Melvin Nakamura

Born in Kapaa, Kauai, PID Mel was a Chemical Engineer and retired from the Honolulu Gas Company as Vice President. He was a member of the Waioli Lions Club, which eventually merged into the Manoa Lions Club. I got to know Lion Mel when I became a Chinatown Lion, and he and PDG Merv Wee played a major role in the direction my Lions journey took me. They were directly responsible for me becoming an HLF Trustee, chairing the Eye Bank, and with a lot of arm-twisting, chairing the 2015 International Convention. Eventually, whenever I saw the two together, I would turn around and run away, not knowing what they had in store for me next. But they knew that their persistence and guidance would put me on my path, for which I am truly grateful.

PID Phil Sterker

Lastly, I also need to mention PID Phil Sterker, who served on the Board in 1971-73 from Multiple District 6 Colorado. He was a candidate for International President, and eventually retired to Kalaheo, Kauai in the late 1990’s. He had a great sense of humor and always had a story to tell. Lion Phil and his CIS Sandi became great friends, always happy to help and mentor when asked. He passed away in 2013 and Lion Sandi decided to return to Arizona a few years ago. We always look forward to seeing her at the Forums and Conventions.

I’m sure that some of my fellow Lions have their share of stories and fond memories of these Lions, which unfortunately are fading away due to the passage of time. As we start to celebrate a century of Lions service in Hawaii next year, it’s fitting to ponder on our history and those that came before us.

And one of the best ways to remember them is to nominate them for the District Hall of Fame. Let’s recognize and honor those special Lions who deserve to be inducted into the Hall. The application is available on both the [HLF](#) and [Hawaii Lions](#) websites.

Welcome New Lions!

AKAKA FALLS

Lion Doreen
Canario



Sponsor:
Lion Patricia Dunn

ALOHA PONO

Lion Jon
Oka



Sponsor:
Lion Ernesto Limtiaco

KAMEHAMEHA

Lion Kate
Kane



Sponsor:
Lion Sheila Doncaster

We are thrilled that you've chosen to serve alongside us — to turn compassion into action and make an impact in your community and beyond.

D50 HAWAII LIONS MEMBERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS (WEEK OF 10/26/25)



Starting Balance (July 1, 2025):	1,480
Added Members (as of 10/25/25):	73
Dropped Members:	58
Current Balance:	1,495
Net Gain/Loss:	+15

GOAL: +229 NEW MEMBERS BY JUNE 30, 2026

JUST A.S.K. THE POWER TO GROW OUR PRIDE



A SK WITH CONFIDENCE

BE PROUD TO INVITE OTHERS TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF SERVICE. EVERY NEW LION STARTS WITH A SIMPLE 'ASK'!

S K SAY IT WITH PRIDE

TELL YOUR STORY, SHARE HOW BEING A LION HAS MADE A DIFFERENCE — IN YOUR LIFE AND YOUR COMMUNITY.

K KEEP IT SIMPLE

IT'S NOT ABOUT THE PITCH — IT'S ABOUT THE PURPOSE. INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND COWORKERS TO SERVE, LEAD, AND GROW WITH US.

WHY BECOME A LION?

- MAKE A REAL IMPACT IN YOUR COMMUNITY
- DEVELOP LEADERSHIP SKILLS
- BUILD LIFELONG FRIENDSHIPS
- BE PART OF A GLOBAL NETWORK OF KINDNESS AND SERVICE

JUST A.S.K. — AND WATCH OUR PRIDE GROW!

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Remembering Lion Maurice "Butch" Kahawaii — *Da Silva Fox, Da Bunny, Da Braddah*

I remember meeting Maurice "Butch" Kahawaii in the late 1970s, back when he was a truck driver for Chevron competing in a truck driving contest. Later, he became the neighbor islands terminal supervisor and eventually manager, overseeing the operations of the terminals on Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii Island. His interest in safe operations at Chevron led him to join the Big Island Fleet Safety Organization and the Hawaii Transportation Association, where I was also a member. Over the years, starting in the early 1980s, we got to know each other well.

Whenever I visited the Chevron terminal in Hilo, I noticed he always signed notes and memos with "MMK." I asked what MMK meant. He said his middle name was Mitsuo — his father was Hawaiian and his mother Japanese. From that day on, I called him Mitsuo-san. I'd meet Mitsuo-san at least once a week for work-related occasions.

In 1987, after I became a Waiakea Lion, I discovered Mitsuo-san was already a Waiakea Lion, having joined a year before me. At that club meeting, he became Lion Maurice and I became Lion Wayne — so formal!

Believe it or not, Lion Maurice's hair was brown back then. He was hardworking and a good sport, always willing to do crazy things to liven up the club. I remember challenging him over attendance at our general membership meetings. The loser had to get dumped into Ice Pond that evening. The tide was low, rocks were above the water level and it was getting dark. Our sponsor asked

the hotel manager if we could use the swimming pool instead. Long story short, I got tossed in the pool — then so did Lion Maurice, thanks to a few Lions.

At a District Convention at Turtle Bay in Kahuku, Lion Maurice, two other Lions, and I — all with last names starting with 'K' — decided to skip an afternoon session to go golfing. I learned Maurice was from Kahuku and that former U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka had been one of his teachers. Still, for some reason, Maurice attended and graduated from Lahainaluna High School on Maui. Heavy rain soaked us on the course, and when we returned to the hotel drenched, Maurice joked to the PDGs that we had gone diving — he always had a great sense of humor.

At the 1998 District Convention's Friday Fun Night, the Waiakea Lions Club formed the band "Da Kakaroaches" to play Beatles songs. Lion Maurice was our Ringo Starr, playing cardboard drums with three other Lions as John, Paul, and George on cardboard guitars. We even used mops as our long hair! At the end, we threw our cardboard instruments and wigs into the crowd. If you didn't see it, you missed a classic moment — it may never have been recorded, but for those who were there, it remains one of the FUN and GREAT memories of the 1998 District 50 Convention. Lion Maurice's hair changed over time, from brown to blond and eventually silver. At his first District Convention with silver hair, he earned the nickname "Da Silva Fox."

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After retiring and moving to Kona, Da Silva Fox kept meeting up with the Waiakea Lions in Hilo until eventually joining the Lions Club of Kona.

Even after becoming homebound, I made a point to drive to Kona to visit him and reminisce about the good fun days and kolohe kine stuff together. There were several times I thought Da Silva Fox would leave us, but like the Energizer Bunny, he just kept going—for two and a half years, outliving the doctors' expectations. Our visits were always filled with laughter and sharing happy stories.

Rest in peace, Braddah Lion PID Maurice Butch Silva Fox Bunny Kahawaii.

By the way, MMK means Maurice Mo Kolohe!!

Lion Wayne Kuwaye

Waiakea Lions Club

Spotlight on Lions Providing Extraordinary Service To Our Communities



Lion Debra Thompson Kauai Lions Club

Lion Deb, how do you describe Lions to someone who has never heard of us?

We're just ordinary folks doing extraordinary work in our community. We have a variety of service projects each month, and you can pick and choose to show up for the ones that you want to participate in, while having fun and a sense of purpose and pride with your fellow Lions!

If your club was a family, what role would you play?

I see myself as a Big Sister. Never a parent, but more of a guiding, supportive figure to my "siblings."

What Lions event do you look forward to all year, and why?

I am the Captain of #TeamKauaiLionsClub and we are heading into our 4th year of participating in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. We hold various FUNdraisers throughout the year (ie. BINGO, Bourbon Tasting, etc.) and also do an annual Bake Sale in our booth on event day, with 100% of proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. Last year we raised over 6K!

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

We do our Adopt-a-Highway (Wilcox Hospital to Kukui Grove Shopping Center) each quarter, and more often than not, it can be bright and sunny all week, and then on the day of our highway clean-up project, it rains! It's become a running joke in our club.

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And finally, what is your dream service project— if budget and time were no object?

I wish we could be a "School Lunch Fairy" and set up an emergency meal fund to help pay the lunch debts each month for all public school students who need the help. (My daughter is a teacher at a Title 1 school, and she brings extra food each day for her students who are hungry.)

*Lion Deb began her inspiring Lions journey in 2011 with the **East Kauai Lions Club**. In 2016, she helped launch the newly chartered **Kauai Lions Club** and has been a driving force ever since! A dedicated leader and true Lion at heart, she currently serves as Club President and has also shared her many talents as Secretary, Membership Chair, and Marketing Chair.*



**Second Vice District Governor
Anthony Kaluhikai Tassillio
Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club**

SVDG Tony, who first encouraged you to take on a leadership role with the Lions?

Lion Glen Shigehara from Akaka Falls — a very special Lion.

What motivates you to keep serving when life gets busy?

The smiles. The hugs. From the special people we serve. That's what keeps me going.

Was there a moment when you realized, "This is why I'm a Lion"?

Yes. During one of our service projects, a Lion turned to me and said, "*I've never seen a Lion with so much energy, diligence, and industriousness. You have no quit.*" That moment reminded me why we do what we do.

What is one Lion's memory that always brings a smile to your face?

Back during COVID, just two of us Lions were giving out superhero masks to those in need. A group of aunties came up and each asked for five masks. I told them, "*Take ten!*" The eldest auntie laughed and said, "*Boy, I like buy you a couple sodas.*" I said, "*No need!*" We shared hugs instead. Then, as they walked away, the eldest auntie called out, "*By da way, boy, I left two bits each!*" – not realizing sodas weren't 25 cents anymore. It made me bust out laughing because it reminded me of my late *Tutu Man*. It was a total blessed moment. We're Lions. We serve.

One last question, what's your go-to comfort food after a long service project?

Before I even became a Lion, I learned that serving alongside Lions always meant that when the project was done, there'd be a free meal waiting. And it was *always* yummy!

SVDG Tony has been proudly serving as a Lion since 2017.

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



HAWAII KAI LIONS GROW THROUGH CONNECTION & SERVICE

No special recruiting strategies – just connection, service, and community.

- Our club members are **well connected** to the community and are always keeping an eye out for new members.
- The **vast majority** of new Lions join through personal connections with current members.
- Being an **active club** helps — **service activities and friendships** are the biggest motivators for joining.
- **Nearly half** of our newest Lions were recruited by members who joined within the past year.
- Our **veteran members** continue to play a key role in welcoming and recruiting new Lions.

Building relationships, serving together, and sharing what it means to be a Lion – that's how we grow!

A conversation with Lion Allen Umeda,
Hawaii Kai Lions Club Membership Director
Submitted by Lion Renee Ako



Going Green 2025

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

Subject to change
Rene Mansho

Nov	1	Campbell High School
	7	Prince Kuhio Federal Bldg - w/permit only
	8	Wahiawa Middle School
	15	August Ahrens Elementary School
	22	Wahiawa Ryusenji Soto Mission
	29	Mililani Buddhist Temple
Dec	6	Kapolei High School
	12	Dept. of Labor, Tax, AG, DOT

Join Us Online for These Great Sessions!

Let's learn, laugh, and connect with Lions from every island — right from home. If you need help getting online, reach out. We've got you covered.

Health & Wellness Seminar
Sunday, Nov. 16th
6:30 p.m.
“Diabetes”
Presenter:
Lion Dr. James Yamashita

Best Practices w/ PDG Cecelia Izuo
Monday, Nov. 24th
6:30 p.m.
“Marketing & The Art of Inviting”

From the Heart of SVDG Lion Tony Tassillio

Aloha Lions of D50 Hawaii,

As we keep moving forward on this journey of service, let's remember—it's not just *what* we do, but *why* we do it. Every project, every act of kindness, is a chance to serve with meaning and heart.

When we lead with compassion and purpose, we make an impact that lasts long after the moment is gone.

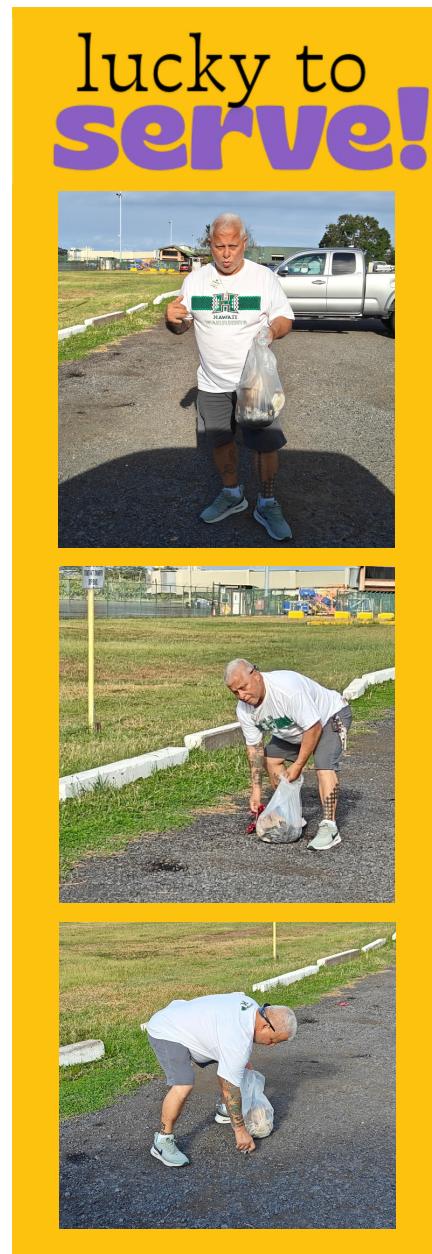
For me, I serve because even the smallest act can bring hope and connection to someone who needs it. And when I see what we can do together as Lions, it reminds me how lucky we are to serve and make a difference.

Mahalo nui loa, Lions, for all you do!

Lion Tony Tassillio, 2nd Vice District Governor, D50 Hawai'i

Completed Activities: October 2025

10/04	Served Ewa Beach Lions Club Veterans Served Ewa Beach Lions Club Krispy Kreme Attended Hawaii Lions Foundation meeting
10/05 -10	Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club service project
10/11	Helped Kona Triathlon
10/12	SVDG Training
10/13	Helped set up room for Friends of First Responders Hawaii
10/14	Waiakea Lions Club Board & General Meeting
10/16	Hearing Screening Keonepoko & Pahoa Elementary
10/18	Hot Meals for the needy
10/21	CA/NV/OR/AK GAT meeting
10/22	SVDG Meeting KMC planning meeting
10/23	Hearing Screening Waiakeawaena Elementary
10/24	Distributed 250 packages of meat, chicken, steak, pork, burgers to 30 families (500 meals)
10/25	2nd D50 Cabinet Meeting
10/28	Hilo Crescent City Lions Board & General Meeting
10/31	Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited Club Fun Fest



LIONS IN SIGHT 2026

RECYCLED EYEGLASSES &

D50 STATEWIDE FOOD DRIVE



IT'S A DOUBLE IMPACT DAY OF SERVICE!

SAVE THE
DATE!

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 24, 2026**

8:00 A.M – 12:00 P.M.



ADDITIONAL LOCATIONS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON.

Lion Ellsworth Fujii
PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

Join fellow Lions and Leos across Hawai'i as we collect recycled eyeglasses and nonperishable food donations – same date, same locations!

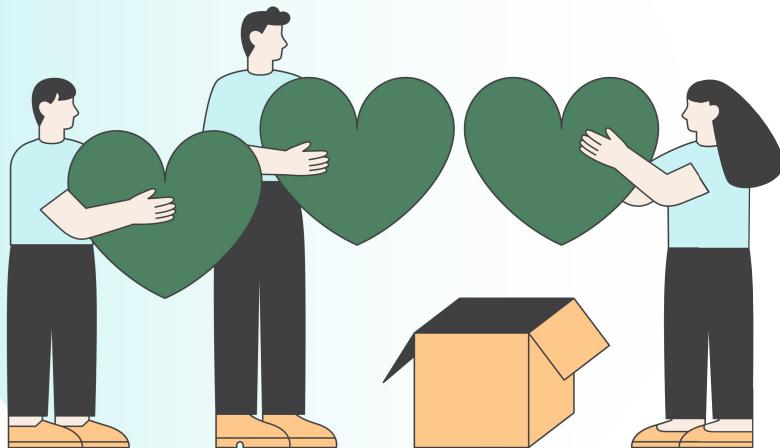
LOCATIONS:

- State Capitol – O'ahu
- Safeway Hamakua – Kailua, O'ahu
- Safeway Laulani Village – 'Ewa Beach, O'ahu
- KTA Stores – Hawai'i Island
- Walmart – Maui
- Big Save at Ele'ele Shopping Center – Kaua'i





D50 Hawaii 2025-2026 NON-LION HUMANITARIAN AWARD



DEADLINE: Feb. 1, 2026

The District 50 Hawaii Non-Lion Humanitarian Award is bestowed by the District Governor to a person having demonstrated humanitarian accomplishment above and beyond personal, professional, and civic duties.

See Nomination Form in this newsletter.

Contact: Lion Puna Nouchi

The Latitude Exchange: A Lion Pen Pal Mental Wellness Project

Goal

To foster connection, combat feelings of isolation, and promote shared Lions fellowship by establishing cross-district pen pal relationships focused on mutual support and cultural exchange—especially beneficial to D45 (Vermont) in the winter when most towns are blanketed in snow.

1

Unique Perspective Sharing

Connecting Lions from Vermont and Hawaii fosters friendship, lifts morale, and broadens horizons.

Zero Cost, High Impact

A simple, no-budget project powered by member connection.

Mental Wellness

Sharing stories and support strengthens emotional well-being.

2

How It Works

Call for Participants: A joint announcement will invite interested Lions in both districts to volunteer as pen pals.

Pairing Process: District Coordinators will exchange participant lists and match one Lion from Vermont with one Lion from Hawaii.

3

Interested in Participating?

If you are a D50 Lion interested in this mental health and fellowship project, **please email your interest by November 30, 2025.**

There's no obligation—we're simply gauging interest to see how many D50 Lions would like to be part of The Latitude Exchange.

4

Email 1VDG Cedric Mitsui:

The Latitude Exchange bridges warmth and wisdom across miles—proving that no matter the distance or the weather, the spirit of Lionism thrives in connection.





MDFF OHANAHOOD

MDFF = MOVING DISTRICT FIFTY FORWARD



DA SCOOPS FROM DA MDFF OHANAHOOD...

PROGRESS UPDATE SINCE THE FIRST CABINET MEETING.

~LION CUZZIN WAYNE KUWAYE

INITIAL FINDINGS

In our report for the first cabinet meeting, we listed some of our findings for the cabinet to review. Some of our findings that were presented were:

- To get Lions to step up to leadership positions.
- To have more mentoring for Lions.
- Negative politics have resulted in member conflict.
- PDGs should be more supportive than controlling.
- To have periodic audits and accountability of income and expenses.
- District needs to reach out to clubs that need help and show support.
- To investigate ways to reduce the high costs of participating in Lions events such as the Annual Convention and the KMS Winter Forum.

INSIGHTS GATHERED SINCE THE FIRST CABINET MEETING

Since the first cabinet meeting, Da MDFF Ohanahood has reached out to other Lions to share their thoughts, words of wisdom and suggestions:

- Besides having Lions active in their local club, we need to get them active in zone, region, and district activities to have them better understand what it really means for them to be a part of our GREAT 'OHANA.
- Have D50 and HLF more involved with clubs to provide more and better resources to the clubs so the clubs can better serve their members and communities.
- Take a serious look into lowering the costs to participate in the Annual Convention, the KMC Winter Forum and other programs such as cheaper alternatives (hotel, off property meals and functions, and solicitation of sponsors).
- Have new Lions enjoy the reason that they became a Lion before taking on leadership positions.
- Participate in community service and special projects to enjoy the fellowship and to feel good serving the less fortunate in our communities.
- Develop an action plan to identify your interest in serving and how much time and effort you can dedicate.
- Determine what you can do to help or lead.
- Realize that you may not be able to participate in every meeting, project or event, but to do your best to keep as actively involved as possible.
- We (D50 and HLF) need to develop an action plan with SMART goals, review the plan and goals periodically, and make necessary adjustments as we go along our path to success.
- When dealing with politics, determine if it is a form of negativity. If it is a form of negativity, identify the negativity and think of ideas of turning it into POSITIVITY!!
- Talk stories to change our future. Our stories should be of successes instead of being hurtful. Many times, hurtful stories are just rumors and spreading rumors can work against you. FORGIVE, APPRECIATE and SHARE the GOOD STORIES!!!
- Always be TRUE to yourself and be TRUE to others.
- Surround yourself with good people who like to do good things for good causes and give others an opportunity to contribute.



ALOHA POWER IN ACTION

'Ohana of Service Heroes

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

Instagram: [@bruddahsean](#)



Mō‘ili‘ili Hongwanji Bazaar Parking Crew!

Lions teamed up with the Hawai‘i Kai Jaycees to keep things running smoothly at the bazaar. Big mahalo to Lions Alwin, Shasta, Patrick, and David for rocking the parking lot with teamwork and aloha!



Cool Shave Ice, Warm Hearts!

Kina‘ole Lions and Moanalua Leos joined forces for a fun Children’s Day fundraiser — a perfect mix of service and smiles under the sun.



Parking Lot Pros in Action!

Ewa Beach Lions at the Hispanic Heritage Festival with Lions Chris, Matt & Dr. Jimbo!



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Lion Gary Nip & Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita



Exclusive recurring
donor pen



Exclusive recurring
donor pin options

New Recognition This Lions Year

Recurring donors to be recognized with a thank you card, LCIF pen and pin. 12 months later you will get a 2nd pin if you are still a recurring donor.

Melvin Jones Fellowship (MJF)

US \$1,000 donations can be made by individuals (including non-Lions), clubs or districts. Donations may be in one sum or in installments. MJF includes a special lapel pin, a plaque and a congratulatory letter.

Progressive Melvin Jones Fellowships (PMJF) program recognizes up to 49 levels beyond the initial US \$1,000 with a unique pin for each giving level. Lions can check their current MJF credits in Lions Portal / Membership / My Recognitions. See attached screen shot.

Current Fellowship Recognition Level
PMJF - 1 Diamond YG

Available Fellowship Credits
\$90.00

Amount Needed for Next Recognition Level
\$910.00

Next Fellowship Recognition Level
PMJF - 2 Diamond YG

DONATE

This is a new procedure for Lions to get information from the portal on how much they have already donated to LCIF and how much more they need to donate to get to \$1000.

When you reach \$1,000 you can then apply (it is not automatic) for your Melvin Jones Fellow (MJF) if this is your first \$1,000 or Progressive Melvin Jones Fellow (PMJF) for subsequent \$1,000 donated. After you apply for your (P)MJF, \$1,000 credits will be removed from the balance and it builds up again with your next donation.

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



Hawaii Lions Foundation

Together We Can Do So Much

GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER

Mahalo to the many Lions and friends who participated in the 2nd Annual HLF Golf Classic Fundraiser. Congratulations to the recipients of this year's HLF Fellowship Plaques:

First Hawaiian Bank – Herbert Watanabe Award

San Diego Eye Bank – Tokuo Tani Award

Wong's Drapery – Tokuo Tani Award

Matson, Inc. – Norman Sakata Award

Riggs Distributing Inc. – Norman Sakata Award

PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita – Norman Sakata Award

1VDG Cedric Mitsui (Honolulu Chinatown Lions) – Norman Sakata Award

Mililani Lions Club – Norman Sakata Award

Carl Tanabe & Locations Foundation – Norman Sakata Award

Linda Ross Myers (Rose Ross Foundation) – Norman Sakata Award

Mark your calendars! The 3rd Annual HLF Golf Classic Fundraiser is coming in 2026 — more details soon. Your participation and support will help make it another success!

HLF FINANCIAL SUPPORT

For the 2025–2026 Lion year, HLF has transferred \$20,725 to the D50 Activity Account to fund vital committee projects — including hearing, vision, diabetes, and other district initiatives.

Committee Chairs: please file your Grant Reporting Form at hawaiilions.org.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

- HLF donated \$10,000 to the American Diabetes Association for scholarships and transportation for Camp He Ola Ke Keiki.
- Under PDG Garrett Ogawa's guidance, HLF is partnering with the DOE, DOH, and Hawaii Heart Association to train all public high school sophomores in CPR and AED use.
- An additional \$80,000 has been allocated from the Maui Disaster Fund to provide meals through the UH Maui system, coordinated by the Maui Disaster Team.

LIONS EYE BANK OF HAWAII (LEBH)

The Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii is now officially operational! Referrals are linked to the EMR system, donor screening and reviews are ongoing, and preparations are underway for an FDA inspection. Support continues from Legacy of Life Hawaii and the San Diego Eye Bank. Expansion to Hilo is planned once staffing is complete on O'ahu.

GRANT IN AID (GIA) PROGRAM

Changes are coming to the GIA program. Please visit hawaiilions.org for the latest application and updated guidelines.

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HLF VS LCIF

HLF supports Hawaii. LCIF supports the world.

BECOME AN HLF FELLOW

Your donations help sustain HLF's work — and qualify you for Fellowship recognition!

- PDG Norman Sakata Fellowship – \$1,000
- PDG Tokuo Tani Fellowship – \$2,500
- PID Herbert Watanabe Fellowship – \$5,000
- PID Shizuo Onishi Fellowship – \$10,000

HLF PRESIDENT LION BERTA JENKINS

hawaiilionsfoundation.org

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CHECK: PAYABLE TO HAWAII LIONS FOUNDATION

MAILED TO: 405 N. KUAKINI ST., SUITE 801, HONOLULU, HI 96817

OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP AWARDEES

- June Ching – Herbert Watanabe Award
- Roberta Jenkins – Herbert Watanabe Award
- Cedric Mitsui – Tokuo Tani Award
- Greg Ayau – Norman Sakata Award



Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club “Your Mental Health Matters” Campaign

Submitted by Lion Michelle Tam

As part of Mental Health and Wellness Service Focus Week, the **Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club** launched our first social media campaign, “Your Mental Health Matters.”

From the Big Island and O’ahu to Oregon and Seattle, our members took a few moments to raise awareness for mental health, share words of encouragement, and emphasize the powerful message:

“You matter. Your mental health matters. You’re not alone.”

Our campaign can be found on Instagram at [@konaleolion](https://www.instagram.com/konaleolion). Thank you to our club members who came together (virtually) to promote kindness, compassion, and connection!



Lion Portal Access: What Club Officers Should Know

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier, D50 District Administrator

The Lion Portal is your all-in-one online tool for managing your Lions or Leos Club. Accessible to all members – with enhanced permissions for club officers.

INPUT **UPDATE** **MANAGE**

I found this helpful resource on the LCI website—it provides information about club officers' access to the Lion Portal. While all Lions and Leos have access to the portal, club officers have additional permissions that allow them to input, update, and manage club data.

Please reach out to me if you need any assistance.

		Club Level Actions and Permissions by Official Title													
		Club President	Club 1st Vice President	Club 2nd Vice President	Club Secretary	Club Administrator	Club Treasurer	Club Membership Chairperson	Club Service Chairperson	Club Marketing Chairperson	Club IT Chairperson	Club Protocol Chairperson	Club LCIF Coordinator	Club Director	Guiding Lion
View Data: Member detail data, membership(s) detail Branch Club data, members, officers Leo Club general data, member count Service Activities		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓				
Financial Statements & Invoices		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
New Club Applications your Club is sponsoring		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓							
Export Data: Member contact data, Officer contact data, Member full data, Service Activity data		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					
Manage Club Members: Add, Reinstate, Transfer, Drop, Edit Member data, Sponsor and membership type		✓			✓	✓									
Manage Club Information: Edit, Meeting information, local language data fields		✓			✓	✓									
Make Payments: Dues, other fees, supplies							✓								

District and Multiple District Administrators can perform Club Administrator actions on behalf of the Club

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Lion Portal

Club Level Actions and Permissions by Official Title

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Manage Officers: Add/End current and next year "Official" officers Add/Edit Officer address Manage Titles <i>LOCAL to your club only</i>	✓			✓	✓									
Manage Club Branch: Create Application, edit details, add/remove branch members and officer	✓			✓	✓									
New Club Application: Start application, edit club information, add pending members, add/remove officers	✓			✓	✓									
Pay charter fees	✓			✓	✓	✓								
Manage Convention Delegates: Add/Remove delegates for conventions	✓			✓	✓									
Service Activities at Club Level: Create/edit, enter metrics, venue data Manage images (add, download, delete)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Report Service Activity Complete	✓			✓	✓			✓		✓	✓			✓
Other Actions: View Reports, Print Membership Cards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Lions & Tigers & Human Lions, OH MY!

Submitted by Lion Mick Laconsay

The D50 "Knights of the Blind" Committee, together with members of the **Lions Club of Honolulu**, and **Moanalua Lions**, gathered 35+ blind & visually-impaired individuals for a Twilight Tour at the Honolulu Zoo. The night was filled with sounds of roars from the lions, chirps from birds and calls from baboons!

Overall, it was a very informative and captivating tour, with the zoo docents sharing details of each of the animals' sanctuaries. Guests enjoyed touching & feeling replicas of the jaws of a crocodile, fur from a lion's mane, even a real stuffed beaver! The homes of baboons, a tiger, porcupines, storks, lions, owls, and flamingoes, were visited. Name an animal in the zoo, and it was heard.

It was a ROAR of a tour! Shout out to these special "human Hawaii Lions" who came out to serve: PDG Nadine, PDG Chris, Lion Gracie, Lion Gayle, Co-President Kyle, Co-President Abe, Treasurer Mick, Board Director Ray, Board Director Jesse, Board Director Jailu and Lion Dennis.

Lions Club of Kona, Kona Healthy Leo Lions, Konawaena Leos

Lions, Leos & Community Working Together to Make a Difference

Submitted by Lion Cheryl Tam



Mental health video by Kona Healthy Leo Lions Club in collaboration with the Lions Club of Kona. [Video](#)



Lions Club of Kona, Kona Healthy Leo Lions, Konawaena Leos, and community members waved signs to remember those who left us and help those in need. Together, we helped spread awareness of mental health resources and shared the hotline number with our community.

We joined the D50 statewide effort early, united in our commitment to promote mental health awareness and support for all. One man stopped to thank us, sharing how calling that hotline connected him with someone who helped him through a crisis moment. His story reminds us that each of us can make a difference in someone's life.

Serving with Aloha Across Our Islands

Aloha Pono Lions Partner with Prime Roast Cafe to Feed 145 in Need

Submitted by Lion Aileen Deese

The **Aloha Pono Lions Club** once again joined the Hawaii Correctional System Oversight Commission and Prime Roast Cafe to feed the community on October 4. Lion Chefs Ernesto and Celeste Limcaco prepared 145 gourmet lunch boxes filled with dishes like turkey curry, BBQ ribs, pasta, and more. Grateful recipients in local parks and on the streets showered the volunteers with smiles and heartfelt “God bless you” thanks.



West Kauai Lions Continue Tradition of Community Service

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier



West Kauai Lions shared their time and aloha at the Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Annual Christmas Craft Fair and helped serve meals to the hungry at the Hanapepe Salvation Army—another great example of Lions in service to the community.



**Finally in
Front of the
Camera —
Meet Lion
Pam!**

Submitted by PDG Cecelia Izuo

Lion Pam is our district photographer — always the one taking the pictures, and rarely the one in them. We're so grateful for her!

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Smooth Sailing for Senior Registration

Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai

Talk about smooth sailing! The **Waiakea Lions** kept things rolling at the Civic Auditorium so well that 176 seniors zipped through the line with ease and smiles all around.



Aloha Pono Lions and Prime Roast Cafe Support Cancer Patient

Submitted by Lion Aileen Deese

The **Aloha Pono Lions Club**, together with Prime Roast Cafe, donated \$1,500 to cancer patient Richard Untalan Hofsneider.

Funds were raised during a gourmet fundraising luncheon and silent auction held on Sunday, October 12, at Prime Roast Cafe. The delicious meal was lovingly prepared by Chef-Owners Ernesto and Celeste Limcaco, who are also proud members of the **Aloha Pono Lions Club**.



Kaneohe Lions Create “Butterflies of Hope”

Submitted by PDG C.J. Kalopodes

The **Kaneohe Lions** crafted 150 paper butterflies for the

residents of Pohai Nani, presented during lunch on October 15 in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month. The residents were deeply touched by the thoughtful gesture.

Mahalo to Lions B.J. Kalopodes, Bill Schulthies, David Iwaoka, Garrett Chang, Diane Fujio, Betsy Hall, and C.J. Kalopodes for bringing this uplifting project to life!

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Not a Cloud in the Sky for Kauai Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Deb Thompson

Does this happen to you too? Does it rain every time your Adopt-a-Highway project rolls around? Not this time! Here's a snapshot from our recent Adopt-a-Highway cleanup held on #EarthDay2025 — and it didn't rain!

A Ferry Ride for Sight

*Submitted by
Lion Deborah Dela Cruz*

The Lanai High and Elementary School Leo Club and the **Lanai City Lions** conducted vision screening at the students' school. PDG Mark Mizuno (**Haleakala Lions**) hopped on the ferry and traveled to Lanai to conduct the screening.



Keeping Kahalu'u Beautiful

Submitted by Lion Kalae Kukahiko

The **Kahalu'u Lions Club** cleaned and cleared the Kahalu'u Lions Park and picked up rubbish along Kahekili Highway in Kahalu'u for the Adopt a Highway program.

Through the Lens: Maui Lions in Action

Submitted by ZC Paul Seto



Kahului Lions and Leos Louise and Leslie supported the Project Vision Program and conducted vision screenings at Kahului Elementary School and Kihei Elementary School on

September 18, 19, 23, and 25, 2025. A total of 821 students were screened, with 20% referred for further evaluation.



IT specialist Eugene Turk spoke to the **Maui Lions** on preventing internet fraud and staying safe online.



ZC Lion Paul Seto visited the Kihei Fire Station, located in the wildfire zone — to thank firefighters Kellen, Ka'aukai, Ross, and Connor for their dedicated service. The **Maui Lions** had previously supported the station with a free lunch program two years ago.

Lions Club of Kona, Kona Healthy Leo Lions, Konawaena Leos

Lions & Leos Roaring & Cheering at Ironman 2025

Submitted by Lion Cheryl Tam



At sunrise on October 11, 2025, while Ironman women athletes entered the ocean for their swim, the *Iron Lions* and *Iron Leos* began their own 15-hour endurance mission—running Aid Station #5 to support the Ironwomen throughout their journey.

The **Lions Club of Kona, Kona Healthy Leo Lions, and Konawaena Leo Club** joined forces to set up tents, tables, and chairs for what became a full day (and night!) of nonstop teamwork. Their “swim” was the early food prep; the “bike” was the fast-paced service of aid-station fluids and snacks; and the “run” was the final push—clean-up and cheering for the midnight finishers.

Among the dedicated crew were PDG Jimmy Ness, Lion Melite Wood, 2VDG Tony Tassillio, Lion Wayne Kuwaye with CIS Carol, and Lion Jenna, who all traveled from afar to lend their support. Lions Charlie, Karen, and Clifford kept everyone fueled, while Lion Annie’s and Lion Cheryl’s families pitched in with extra food,

energy, and helping hands. Volunteers from Enterprise worked tirelessly in the hot sun and into the night to keep athletes hydrated.

President Lion Linda, VP Lion Rodney, PDG Mitch, and a strong team of **Kona Lions**—including Charlie, Karen, Clifford, Kekolu, Mary, Annie, Fumito, Jeff, Steven and CIS Tiffany, Leigh, and Cheryl—gave their all to make the aid station a success.

The **Kona Healthy Leo Lions**, led by President Lion Sammie, brought youthful spirit, while the **Konawaena Leos**, led by Tia, Eden, CJ, Harrison, Anika, and Kristal, rallied 45 volunteers who served with enthusiasm from sunrise to starlight.

Mahalo to all Lions, Leos, families, and friends who made the 2025 Ironman a true showcase of endurance, teamwork, and heart. Special thanks to Lion Linda, Lion Melite, and Lion Cheryl for capturing the unforgettable moments in photos.

Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club

Spotlight on Our Service!

Submitted by Lion Michelle Tam

As a cyber club, the **Kona Leo Lions** are proud to serve across multiple communities — uniting members near and far through service, advocacy, and shared purpose. Wherever we are, our members continue to make an impact in their local communities. This month, we're giving a shoutout to two of our club's inspiring leaders — our 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents — who continue to serve their communities with dedication and passion. Our club is lucky to have Vice Presidents who lead by example.

Lion Izaiah Estacio, a former **Konawaena Leo Club** member, is currently a first-year student at the University of Portland. With a full class schedule and various other commitments, he continues to give back through serving his university's "Moreau Center," participating in service projects such as maintaining their community garden, hosting a uniform drive for their Holy Cross Catholic School,

and volunteering at a L'Arche Benefit Celebration Dinner in support of young adults with intellectual disabilities.



Lion Jenna Deniz, also a former **Konawaena Leo Club** member, is a first-year student at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Balancing her responsibilities as a Resident Advisor and the club's social media manager, she continues to embody the spirit of service. Most recently, she volunteered at Camp Mokulē'ia's Family Day on the North Shore of O'ahu, helping create a welcoming and joyful experience for families. She also made the trip back home to the Big Island to show her support for the Ironman triathletes!

A heartfelt mahalo to all our hardworking, dedicated, and passionate Leo Lions near and far. Stay updated on our members, service projects and events by following our Instagram, [@konaleolion!](https://www.instagram.com/konaleolion)



Akaka Falls Lions on the Go!

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro



1. Newly inducted Lion Doreen receiving her Lion pin from her Sponsor Lion Patricia.
- 2 & 3. Completed our quarterly Adopt-A-Highway & Adopt-A-Park project under beautiful skies in Honomu.
4. Lions provided a healthy meal for residents at one of Care Hawaii's group homes during Mental Health & Wellness week.
5. Lion Clyde at our Zone Legacy Project taking care of the "river of white rocks."

Lions Club of Kona

Higashihara Park Continues to be Our Legacy

Submitted by Lion Cheryl Tam



Fall Festival in Kona turned our community into a day to remember for our keiki and 'ohana. It was a day filled with smiles, laughter and sheer joy for everyone.

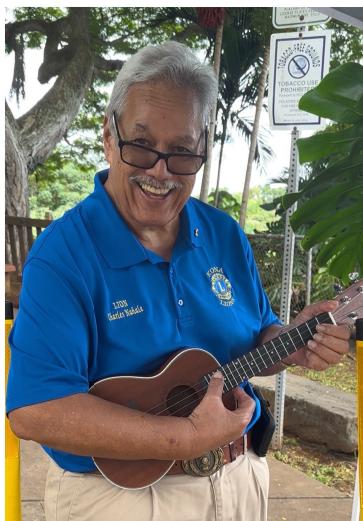
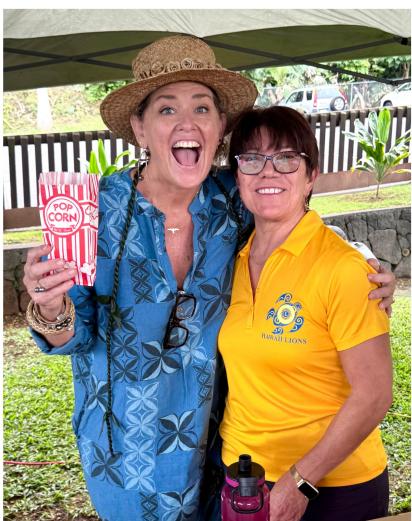
The **Lions Club of Kona's** legacy project is to keep our beloved Higashihara Park, a park that we can be proud of and continue to share beloved memories with family and friends.

About three to four times a year, the **Lions Club of Kona**, the **Konawaena High School Leos**, community members and groups, and recently the **Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club** worked hard at maintaining the park's unique landscape. Grants were written to help fund

some of the areas that have been damaged or have deteriorated throughout its 25 plus years serving Kona.

This year's Fall Festival provided a fun-filled day of entertainment, carnival games, bouncy castles, and so much more. Social media and coloring sheets were sent out to our community to help to advertise and fundraise for some much needed funds to improve our park and keep it safe.

A Lion Legacy project to ensure smiles all around during the festival was enjoyed by many on Saturday, October 25... memories for a legacy of a lifetime.



Welcoming New Citizens on Constitution Day

Submitted by Lion Adriel Lam, Citizenship & Naturalization Chairperson

The Hawaii Lions Citizenship & Naturalization Committee assisted with the US Citizenship & Immigration Services (USCIS) during the Honolulu Field Office's Special Naturalization Ceremony on Constitution Day, September 17, 2025 at Punahou School Dillingham Auditorium.

The Citizenship Ceremony started promptly at 10:30 a.m. with opening remarks by USCIS Field Office Director Jayci Roney introducing the "Faces of the Nation" video and US District Court Chief Judge Derrick K. Watson who presided over the Oath of Allegiance.

Director Roney petitioned the court for the Naturalization of 68 candidates and 32 petitions for name changes. The roll call of 21 countries represented included members from Brazil, China, Ethiopia, Hong Kong, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Laos, Nepal, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Philippines, Portugal, Samoa, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom, and Vietnam.

After the honorees recited the Oath of Allegiance and were declared new United States citizens, they were greeted by a video

message from President Trump congratulating the new citizens. Chief Judge Watson reminded the 68 new citizens of all the great benefits they have finally earned, the right to vote; access to Federal jobs; run for political office; participating in court as a juror, etc. All have studied hard; read and taken tests, but the best benefit is the responsibility to "always help those in need."

Mr. Yunus Peer, History & World Civilizations Teacher at Punahou, who was a political exile from South Africa in 1976; was the honored guest who presented the naturalization certificates. He acknowledged the long road and the hard work it has taken to become a United States citizen. He expressed that "Home Is where you're meant to be. May you always feel at home here".

The Punahou 5th grade class led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a video presentation of "America the Beautiful." The entire ceremony was a first class event with support from the US Pacific Fleet Brass Quintet, the Punahou JROTC Color Guard, and the Punahou Chorale.



Lion Akimi Mitake was one of the honorees to be naturalized.



Lions Adriel, Gracie, and Betsy greeted guests and new citizens.

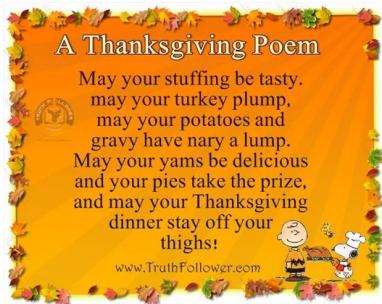


Lions Frances and Betsy present patriotic Red, White, and Blue yarns leis from the Lions and Leo Clubs of Hawaii.

Palolo Lions Club

From Halloween Fun to Holiday Cheer

Submitted by Lion Beverly Mau, President



Palolo Lions Club hopes everyone had a spooky, fun Halloween!

Enjoy our October photo gallery and a favorite poem as we give thanks for God's many blessings and the joy of gathering with family and friends this holiday season.

Our members joined the Azama Park Clean-Up on October 18 — mahalo to Representative and Lion Jackson Sayama and his staff for leading the effort! Hats, gloves, and garden tools were out as Lions helped keep our neighborhood beautiful.

The Kupuna Cards Project continues thanks to Lions VP Rona Augustine-Chun, Noah Chun, Jan Fujii, Gena Doronio, Dorothy Mau, and P. Beverly Mau.

We held a Zoom meeting on October 13 and a fun Tri-Meeting on October 28 at Palolo Chinese Home. PID Bob Lee inducted Dr. Kate Kane as a new **Kamehameha Lion** and installed **Kalakaua Lions** President/Secretary Lauta Shen. Congratulations to both! Lions came in costume, with Lion Irwin Santos supplying plenty of Halloween treats — no tacos this time, but lots of Cheetos, Twizzlers, and Reese's!

Save the Dates:

Kaimuki Christmas Parade – Dec. 4, 2025

March with Palolo Chinese Home from St. Louis High School to Koko Head Ave. Contact Lion Dorothy Mau

Tri-Club Christmas Party – Dec. 5, 2025 (see flier)

Gift Wrapping for Palolo Chinese Home Residents – Date TBA. Gifts welcome!

Contact Beverly Mau





Kamehameha, Kalakaua & Palolo Lions Clubs

Tri-Club Christmas Party & Kamehameha 77th Charter Celebration

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos, President

The “Tri-Club” is **Kamehameha**, **Kalakaua**, and **Palolo Lions** who meet the 2nd Tuesday on Zoom, and 4th Tuesday at the Palolo Chinese Home (PCH), our clubs’ home. On Friday, December 5th @ 6pm, please join us for our combined club Christmas party and celebration of the **Kamehameha Lions** 77th Charter. Cost is \$40 by 11/9/25, \$50 thereafter. Max seating 75. RSVP to pay by cash or check, please contact Lion Donna Miyashiro by 11/26/25 or purchase your tickets directly online @klcfoundation.org (URL LINK <https://klcfoundation.org>)

Dinner will be whipped up by PCH’s own Chef Aaron Love. The evening meal will be more traditional with his famous Pot Roast (with baby carrots, fingerling potatoes, and fresh herbs) & Smothered Chicken (with Maui onions and Shitake Mushrooms), plus sides, various desserts, and the following beverages; Tropical Juice, Coffee, Hot Tea, and refreshing Infused Water. With rising costs everywhere, we wanted to keep the party at a reasonable price and ask everyone to BYOB (alcohol or other soft drinks not provided). We’ll have cups.

It'll be a festive evening, come dressed up for the holidays, or sport your favorite UGLY SWEATERS. For those who want to participate in our Secret Santa, at least \$10 value in a wrapped up gift, not to exceed \$25. We'll have a few games, including one for you crooners, Christmas Carol Karaoke! Plus we have the inside track on getting Santa to come down, and he confirmed he'd be there.

This evening will also be an excellent opportunity to bring your NON-LION guests! Get them exposed to the fun stuff that the Lions do. We'll have a short tribute for our 77th and then quickly move on to an entertaining evening. Drawing Prize donations are also welcome and TRULY APPRECIATED!

**We're Community Minded, Service Oriented...but on this night...
the holiday season is here, JOIN US!**

From Service to Safety: Kina'ole Lions Gear Up with CERT Training

Submitted by PDG Garrett Ogawa,
Emergency Awareness Chairperson

Mahalo to the members of the **Kina'ole Lions Club** for enrolling, learning, and passing the recent CERT course. Not only were you gifted a bag, helmet, and vest, you were gifted and trained to take care of yourself, family, and friends prior and after a disaster. Mahalo for taking this eye-opener course.

If you have taken the course and/or are interested in the FREE CERT program and want a bag, please contact me. I will explain how you can be a recipient of the Lions Alert items.

Pictured are Lion Alwin Lo receiving his bag, and Lions Alwin Lo and Christine Lau with their CERT bags. Although Lion Joy Shimizu was unable to attend her club's meeting, she received a Lions Alert kit.



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**American Cheese, Arugula, Tomato,
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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



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NON-LION HUMANITARIAN AWARD COMMITTEE
2025-2026



NON-LION HUMANITARIAN AWARD NOMINATION FORM

ALL SECTIONS OF THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED BY NOMINATOR

Nominator:

Nominator: _____ Club Name: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Nominee:

Name of Nominee: _____

Organization affiliated with: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Reason(s) for Nomination:

The following outline is provided to describe key qualities of the nominee. Please write about all that applies from the following: (Attach nominee write-up to this application form)

Do not include videotapes, magazine articles or like materials.

Nominee:

- performed service(s) above and beyond one's personal professional and civic duties
- has up to 2 letters of recommendations
- demonstrates significant contributions of benefit to the community (efforts include but are not limited to charitable work, philanthropy, education, and services to the disabled, underprivileged, senior citizens, or youth)
- shows high community visibility highlighting the activity's cause or person, inspiring others in the community
- implements activities that elevate awareness of social consciousness, promote the dignity of life, and improve the quality of life for members of the community
- advances activities that exemplify mentorship in the community to promote growth and development in others
- demonstrates a high degree of personal involvement in other's need of support/assist.
- exhibits leadership skills (may include but not limited to organizing financial, physical, and human resources towards a positive humanitarian outcome)
- shows high degree of difficulty of achievement and sacrifices made
- shows evidence of potential to continue, promote, and expand his/her project

Print Nominator's Name

Nominator's Signature

Date

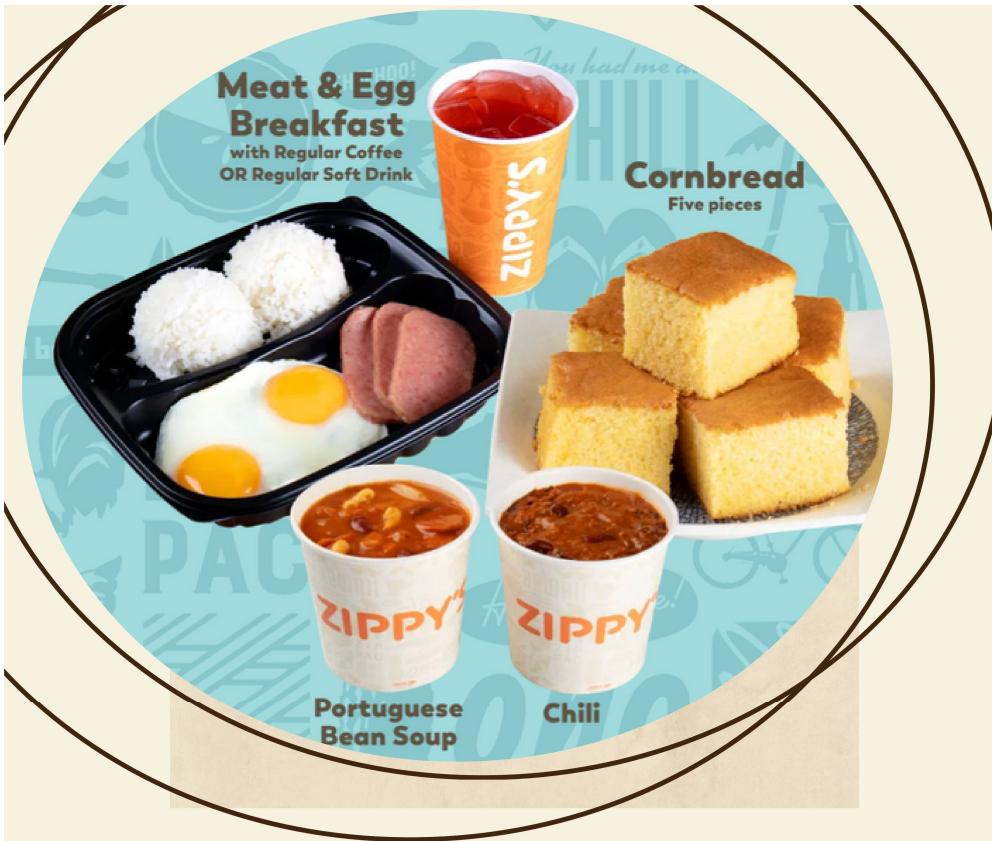
HOW TO SUBMIT:

- Email application with any documentations in PDF to: Lion Puna Nouchi

DEADLINE: February 1, 2026 (no exception beyond the due date)

Revised 8/21/25





Kapolei
City Lions
Club

ZIPPY'S FUNDRAISER

Supporting graduating seniors in the Kapolei community

The ticket is good for ONE (1)
of the items shown above.

\$11 per ticket
Expires Jan. 11, 2026

Contact: Lion Puna Nouchi

Checks payable to: Lions Club of Kapolei City

KALAKAUA KAMEHAMEHA PALOLO
TRI-CLUB LIONS Presents...

05 DEC
Friday **CHRISTMAS** *Party*
...and Kamehameha Lions 77th Charter

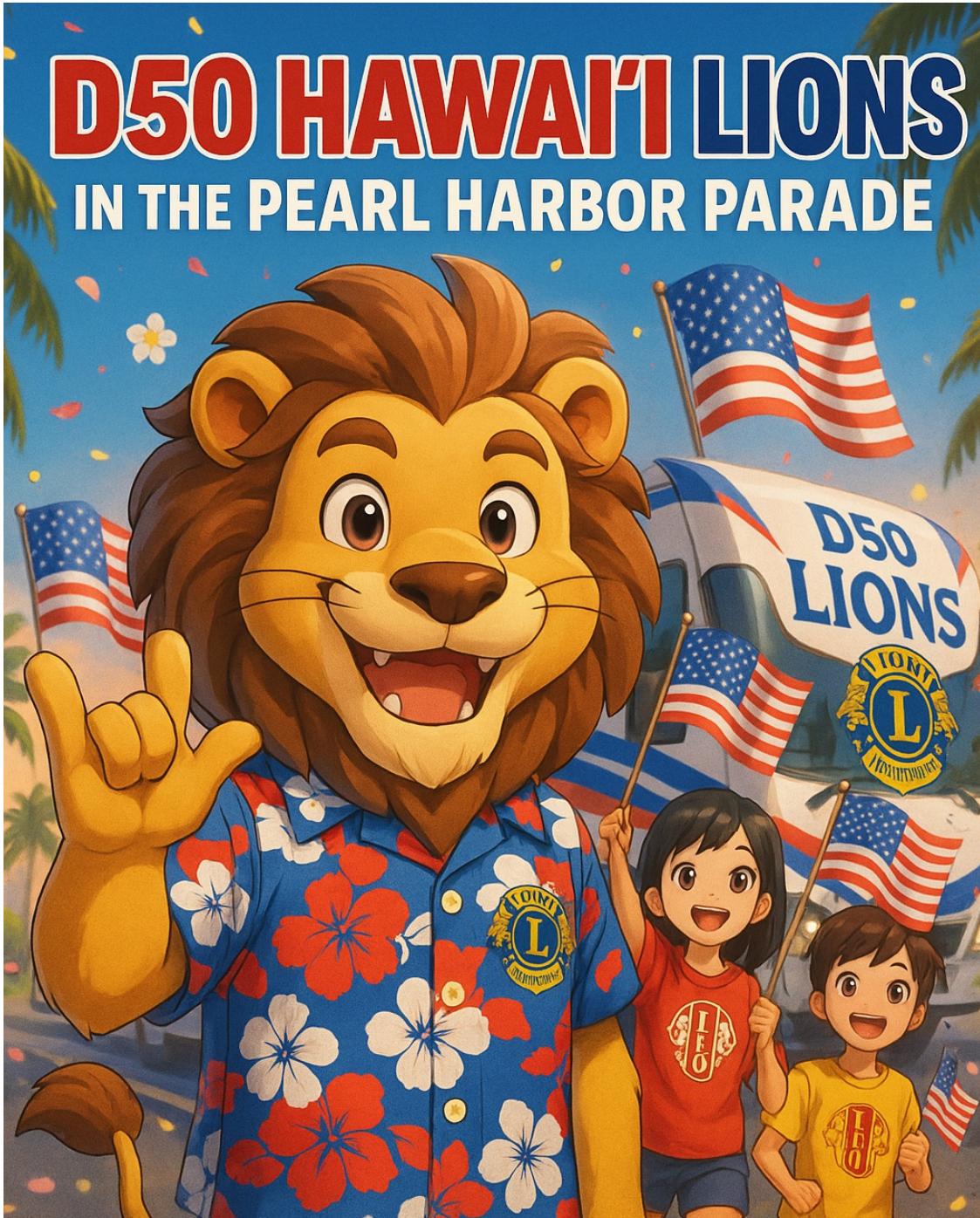
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EARLY
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by 11/09/25

\$50
11/10 - 11/26/25

PALOLO CHINESE HOME
2459 10th Ave / Farm Hall Upper Campus

DOORS OPEN @5pm PARTY 6pm - 9pm HOLIDAY MENU BY CHEF AARON
FESTIVE ATTIRE UGLY SWEATERS WELCOME PRIZES SANTA' FLYIN' IN GAMES
SECRET SANTA @LEAST \$10 NOT TO EXCEED \$25 GOOD HOLIDAY FUN!

Purchase Tickets online KLCFOUNDATION.ORG
or RSVP by 11/26/25 to pay by Cash or Check, please contact
Lion Donna Miyashiro



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025

Meet at Kalakaua & Saratoga, Waikiki by 4:30 PM

Wear your Lions or Leos shirts





KONA HEALTHY LEO LION CLUB CHARTER PRESENTATION

You're Invited!

Chartered June 13, 2025



JANUARY 3, 2026

3:30PM-9PM

Scan to RSVP



bit.ly/KHLLC-CharterEvent



YANO HALL

82-6145 Mamalahoa Hwy, Captain Cook, HI 96704



ZOOM

Link TBA (Please RSVP if you're joining via Zoom)

DINNER FEE:
\$35.00

RSVP BY
DEC. 10, 2025

BYOB (DRINK
SAFELY!)

RAFFLES &
BINGO

3:30PM

Doors Open / Refreshments & Pupu's

4:00PM

Program Begins

5:30PM

Light Dinner, Games, Entertainment

9:00PM

End of Event

KHLLC HUNGER PROJECT: LCI SERVICE WEEK

Earn 1 raffle ticket for every 2 canned food donation
OR for every \$5.00 donation!



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MELE KALIKIMAKA

HAWAII LIONS CLUB PARADES

11/28/25 5:30pm Liliha Palama Christmas Parade
Kamehameha Lions

11/29/25 10:00am Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade
Hawaii Kai Lions

11/29/25 6:00pm Downtown Hilo Christmas Light Parade
Akaka Falls Lions
Hilo Crescent City Lions & LEOs
Hilo Lions
Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited
Waiakea Lions & LEOs

12/6/25 9:00am 38th Annual Mililani Hawaiian Holiday Parade
Mililani Lions

12/7/25 4:00pm Manoa Holiday Parade
Manoa Lions

12/11/25 6:30pm 68th Annual Kapahulu-Moiliili Christmas Parade
Kapahulu-Moiliili Lions

12/20/25 10:00am Ewa Beach Community Christmas Parade
Ewa Beach Lions



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Saturday, November 29, 2025 - 10am

Floats, Trolleys, Classic Cars, Marching Bands, Queens, Local Schools, Businesses, Athletic Teams, and much more! Over 1,200 festive marchers!

ROUTE: Kamiloiki Park to Koko Marina Center along Lunalilo Home Road
Entertainment & Events to follow at Koko Marina Center



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38th Mililani Hawaiian Ohana Holiday Parade!

Saturday, December 6th
Parade Starts at 9 AM



E Komo Mai to the 38th Annual Mililani Hawaiian 'Ohana Holiday Parade!

Join us and bring your ohana and beach chairs to watch hundreds of Parade Marchers including Mililani High School Band, Hula Hālau's, Community Groups, Schools, Local Businesses, Neighborhood Organizations, Beauty Queens, and Santa Claus!



Grand Marshal: The Matsumoto Ohana from Mililani

Parade Presented By:

MILILANI LIONS CLUB



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MILILANI
HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC BOOSTERS

東方醒獅團
ASIAN LION DANCE TEAM



Parade starts at Mililani High School Kauinana Stadium and will travel along Kipapa Drive past Mililani Shopping Center, to Moenamanu St., then onto Kuahelani Ave., and Meheula Pkwy., ending at the Town Center of Mililani.

Parade Sponsored By:





Kapahulu-Moiliili Lions Club

Presents:



68th Annual CHRISTMAS Parade

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Featuring:

The St. Louis High School and the Sacred Hearts marching bands, popular costume characters, SANTA CLAUS, and goodies for children!

The parade route: Begins from Kuhio Elementary School, along the mauka side of S. King St, continues on Beretania St., turns left/makai on Isenberg St., end at Old Stadium Park.



Fun times at the 2nd Quarter Cabinet Meeting — hope to see you at KMC for the 3rd Quarter Cabinet Meeting!

