



# LEO LIONA



The Voice of District 50 Hawai'i Lions

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## Cabinet Meetings

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

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

**New Lion  
Roaring into Service!**

**Akaka Falls**

WE WISH YOU A  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**  
 AND  
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR



**D50 Lions Convention  
Website**

## District Governor's Message

### ALOHA POWER: OHANA OF SERVICE HEROES

Aloha Lions, Leos, and our cherished island 'ohana,

District 50 Hawai'i Lions is moving forward with a renewed sense of purpose. Our membership is growing again. Our clubs are becoming more visible. And across every island, our service is touching lives in ways big and small.

But something even greater is happening beneath the surface — we are rediscovering the heart of who we are as Hawai'i Lions.

During this journey, I've listened deeply — to longtime Lions who have built our foundation, to new members finding their place, and to former members who shared honestly why they stepped away. Many spoke of financial struggles. Many felt their ideas or passions weren't being fully embraced. And these aren't criticisms — they are gifts. They are reminders of what truly matters.

Because at the core of our mission is a simple truth:

- Every Lion deserves to feel heard.
- Every Lion deserves to feel valued.
- Every Lion deserves to feel empowered to serve.
- When Lions feel connected, they stay.
- When Lions feel lifted, they serve with heart.
- When Lions feel aloha — not just spoken, but lived — they rise.

### A New Challenge Before Us: Growing Our Pride

Yes, we are growing. But to truly strengthen D50 Hawai'i Lions, we must also focus on recruiting with purpose and unity.

Not rushing • Not forcing • Not pressuring • But inviting

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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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### Board of Governors

#### Chairperson

PDG Gary Nip

#### Vice Chairperson

PDG C.J. Kalopodes

#### Secretary

IPDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita

PDG Garrett Ogawa

PDG Mitch Tam

DG Sean Benito

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### Submissions

Please email submissions for the January issue by December 25th to [leoliona@hawaiilions.org](mailto:leoliona@hawaiilions.org)

*Lion Renee Ako, Editor*

Inviting people into something meaningful... something rooted in service... something that Hawai'i genuinely needs right now.

And this is where all generations can come together.

Our older Lions — our kūpuna Lions — carry the wisdom, the legacy, and the lived experience of service that built D50.

Our younger Lions bring new tools — technology, social media, QR codes, online outreach — tools that help us reach people we would have never met before.

This is not replacing the old ways.

This is not “out with the old, in with the new.”

This is blending the heart of yesterday with the tools of today to build the Hawai'i we want tomorrow.

When we stand side by side — OG Lions and new Lions, kūpuna and keiki, long-timers and fresh members — we become unstoppable.

### A Message to Our Seasoned Lions

You carried this district for decades.

You built our clubs, our traditions, our reputation.

Your service fed families, protected children, supported our kūpuna, and strengthened our communities more than you know.

Now, we ask you to share one more gift:

Your wisdom.

Your compassion.

Your leadership.

Your stories.

Let our new members learn from you.

Let your example guide them.

Let your heart inspire them.

And let their tools amplify you.

### A Message to Every Lion Moving Forward

Hawai'i is changing — faster than ever.

Families are struggling.

Cost of living is rising.

People are hurting quietly.

And this is exactly why Lions must rise.

We are not just a service organization.

We are a lifeline.

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A presence.

A reminder that someone still cares.

This year, our focus is shared:

Listen deeply.

Serve openly.

Support one another.

Grow together.

Let's make every Lion feel included.

Let's make every family in Hawai'i feel our presence.

Let's make every community know that Lions are here — not for credit... not for titles... but for love of service.

When we grow our membership, we grow our reach.

When we grow our reach, we grow our impact.

And when we grow our impact, Hawai'i becomes a better, safer, kinder place for all of us.

This is the kind of growth that matters.

This is the kind of leadership our islands need.

**This is the kind of aloha only Lions can bring — together.**

**With gratitude, respect, and aloha,**

**Lion Bruddah Sean**

**District Governor | District 50 Hawai'i Lions | 2025–2026 District 50 Hawai'i Lions**

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

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

**#AlohaPower #LeadWithAloha #D50Lions #AlohaPowerinAction**



## Welcome to our New Lion!

### AKAKA FALLS

Lion Joey Smith



Sponsor:  
Lion Kirk Mikami

**So glad you're part of our  
Lions 'ohana! With your  
heart and hands, we're  
making powerful things  
happen in our  
communities and beyond.**

My apologies — Lion Ernesto's name was listed incorrectly in the November issue. Lion **Ernesto Limcaco** is a proud member of the **Aloha Pono Lions Club** and recently sponsored Lion Jon.  
~ Lion Renee Ako, Editor



#### Community Impact and Service

- Show how members are making a real difference with their service projects.
- Get members involved in planning new community activities.
- Share stories of successes to remind everyone why they serve.

#### Good Communication

- Stay in touch with updates through newsletters, emails, or social media.
- Ask members for their ideas and feedback.
- Keep members updated on events and ways to join in.

Most importantly, enjoy yourself and remember to ASK — confidently, proudly, and simply — new people to join, like family, friends, or someone you just met. The more members we have, the stronger and more full of ideas our clubs will be.

Feel free to reach out if you need any assistance with membership.

Merry Christmas!



## District 50 Hawaii Lions Winter Forum | 3rd Cabinet Meeting Kilauea Military Camp, Hawaii Island January 30-31, 2026

**Registration Deadline: Monday, Dec. 29th**

Golf Tournament | Inspiring Speaker | Meaningful Discussions  
Fellowship | Food | Fun | Moving D50 Forward  
Auction & Country Store | Reverse Bingo | Desserts & More

Lion Diane Kent

Lion Gail Dochin

## Going Green 2025

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

Subject to change  
[Facebook "Going Green"](#)

Dec 6: Kapolei High School

Dec. 12: Dept. of Labor, Tax, AG, DOT

**KMC WINTER FORUM 2026**  
**Build Your Own Omiyage Box**  
Fundraiser for Second Vice District Governor  
Tony Tassilio



Take home some of Big Island's favorite Omiyage. We will shop for you and deliver your order to KMC.

Order from the list of products below:

- Atebara Mix Chips & Shrimp Chips
- Maebo One Ton Chips & One Ton Cookies
- Low's Int'l Bakery Rainbow Bread & Sweet Bread
- Mountain View Bakery Original Stone Cookies
- Frank Foods Oven Ready Deli Roll
- Punahele Jerky
- Two Ladies 4pc Strawberry Mochi & 6 pc Assorted mochi and manju

**SCAN QR OR CLICK LINK FOR ORDER FORM**

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**DEADLINE TO ORDER: JANUARY 5, 2026**



**D50 Hawaii 2025-2026**  
**NON-LION HUMANITARIAN AWARD**



**DEADLINE: Feb. 1, 2026**

Information & Nomination Form may be found on the  
**Hawaii Lions Website**  
Contact: Lion Puna Nouchi



**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

**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Best Practices with PDG Cecelia Izuo**

**Monday, Dec. 22nd @ 6:30 p.m.**  
**“Hunger Awareness”**

**Presenter: Lion Chris Chow,**  
**D50 Hawaii**  
**Global Service Team Coordinator**

**Zoom Link**

# LIONS IN SIGHT 2026 RECYCLED EYEGLASSES & D50 STATEWIDE FOOD DRIVE



IT'S A DOUBLE IMPACT DAY OF SERVICE!

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 24, 2026**  
**8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.**



## 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:

- O'ahu: State Capitol
- O'ahu: Safeway Hamakua – Kailua
- O'ahu: Safeway Laulani Village – 'Ewa Beach,
- Hawai'i Island: KTA Stores (Hilo, Kona, Waikoloa, Waimea)
- Maui: Walmart
- Kaua'i: Kukui Grove Shopping Center
- Kaua'i: Big Save at Ele'ele Shopping Center

For more information, please contact:  
Lion Ellsworth Fujii, Hunger Awareness  
PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita, Lions in Sight



**DISTRICT 50 HAWAII LIONS**

# LIONS CONVENTION

## 2026

Thu April 23 - Sun April 26  
Hilo, Hawaii

**Design by Lion Geoli Ng,  
Hilo Crescent City Lions Club**

DG Bruddah Sean,  
the Convention  
Leadership Team, and the  
Lions of Regions 7 & 8  
invite you to a weekend  
celebrating fellowship,  
service, and the bright  
future of District 50!

### GET READY FOR THE FUN !

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Brian Sheehan,**  
Past International  
President

**FRIDAY FUN NIGHT**  
Family-friendly  
Lions Carnival!  
Carnival Games &  
Leo-run Game  
Booths

**SATURDAY GALA NIGHT**  
Hosted by Akaka  
Falls Lions Club  
A night of  
fellowship &  
appreciation

**CONVENTION ONLINE STORE**  
Tshirts, Tote Bags  
and more!  
The store is open  
now!  
Pre-orders only

**BOOK YOUR STAY**  
Special group  
rates at the  
Hilo Hawaiian  
Hotel

**COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**  
  
Supporting the  
Hawaii Diaper  
Bank

**REGISTRATION MATERIALS WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON!**

Schedules | Updates | Announcements: [Convention Website](#)



## A Holiday Cornucopia

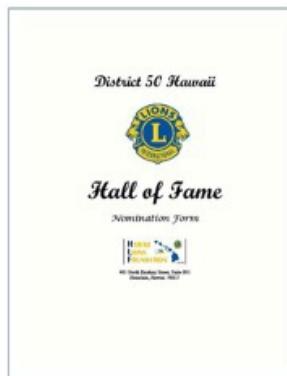
Submitted by PID Robert Lee

As we near the end of another year, Lion Pam and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you the very best of the holidays. And as you gather with family and friends to reflect on the year just past, also ponder the impact that you've had as a Lion, both locally and globally. Think about the lives you've aided or saved with your service and membership as a Lion, and through your support of the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and the Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF).

Since July, we've already served and helped 119 million people, volunteered over 22 million service hours, while performing over 610,000 projects and activities around the world. Consider that this is with only 50% of the clubs reporting, so our true impact is so much more! ROAR! Be proud to be a Lion! You truly make a difference in someone's life.

**Centennial Aloha Shirts** Mahalo to all of you who purchased a shirt or two.

We received enough orders to meet the minimums required to have the shirts manufactured, so a loan from the District's reserve fund wasn't needed. We've placed the order and hope to have them in time for the District Convention in Hilo. We'll keep you informed as we hear more from Reyn Spooner during the fabrication. It's a go!



**District Hall of Fame** As I've written several times before, the Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF) has taken over the District 50 Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame (HoF). Alongside the HLF Fellowships, the HoF will recognize and honor those Lions who have had a profound and lasting impact on our District. Consideration has also been made for those Lions long after their active years of service or after their deaths, with a historic or posthumous nomination.

If you or your club have a worthy candidate, please help us identify those deserving Lions by nominating them. The application forms are available online at both the Hawaii Lions Foundation and Hawaii Lions websites. We would like to induct the inaugural class of honorees during the District Convention in Hilo. Thus the nominations must be received by HLF no later than January 22, 2026 for consideration. Please contact me if you have questions on the HoF.



**Protocol** Protocol is defined as respect for a position and a form of etiquette. I've attended enough events to know that some Lions still struggle with the order of precedence, or even question the need for protocol within our organization, especially our newer members. For me, protocol is respect, not for the position, but for the individual who accepts the duties and responsibilities, and the hardships imposed by that position. Many Lions don't understand and comprehend the demands and expectations made of our leaders, especially our executive and international directors. Remember, we're all volunteers.

Our International President, Immediate Past President, Vice Presidents and their spouses spend over 300 days a year on the road. Think about that, away from home 11 months of the year, living

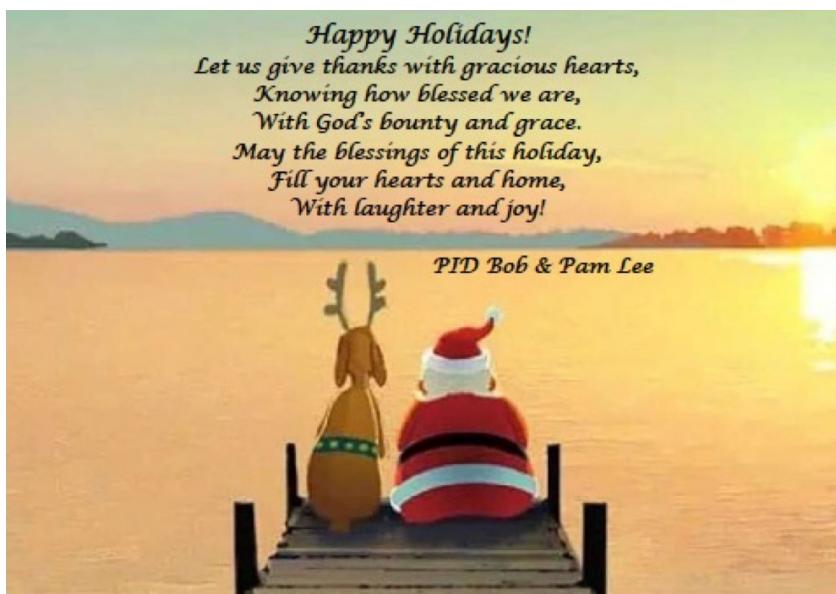
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out of a suitcase. Imagine the long hours spent in airports and through security, catching over 150 flights a year to points all over the world. The endless meetings, speeches and meals that you're required to attend and participate in, while being on call 24/7.

Life as an International Director is certainly a lot easier, traveling only about half the year. Still, consider the countless hours spent at airports and in the air, also living out of suitcases at points unknown. Believe me, there's nothing glamorous about the meetings, speeches and meals, as one visit blurs into another. The expectations and demands on time, talent and treasure to serve at the highest levels can be demanding.

Thus, when a Lion questions the need for protocol. I question how much that individual truly knows about the onus we place on our officers to lead our Association. For me, protocol is more than etiquette, it's an understanding of the sacrifices made to serve our Association, the respect truly earned.

I ask you to consider this especially during our District Conventions, as Past International President Brian & Lori Sheehan will be our guests in Hilo this coming April, and then sitting International President Mark & Lyn Lyon will be our guests in 2027. And yes, we have a great guest lined up for Hilo in April of 2028. If you have questions on protocol, a lot of great information is readily available on the LCI website, or feel free to contact me.



The following is the official protocol policy of The International Association of Lions Clubs. The purpose of protocol is to recognize the order of precedence of Lions leadership. Only the principal speaker is required to acknowledge all dignitaries present.

#### A. Order of Precedence

\*Some positions may not be applicable in certain constitutional areas. Utilize protocol as warranted per local practice.

Lions shall be recognized in the following order:

1. International President
2. Immediate Past International President/LCIF Chairperson
3. International Vice President (according to rank)
4. Past International President (b)
5. International Director (Board Appointee)\* (Leo-Lion Board Liaison)\*\* (a)
6. LCIF Board of Trustees
7. Past International Directors (c)
8. Past Board Appointees, Past LCIF Trustees and Past Leo-Lion Board Liaisons
9. GAT/LCIF Constitutional Area Leader (a)
10. LCIF Vice Constitutional Area Leader
11. GAT/LCIF Area Leaders (a)
12. Chairperson, Council of Governors (a)
13. District Governors
14. Coordinating Lion
15. International Administrative Officers
16. Multiple District GMT/GET/GLT/GST and LCIF Coordinators
17. Immediate Past District Governor (a)
18. Vice District Governors (according to rank)
19. Multiple District Committee Chairpersons (a)
20. Past Council Chairpersons (a)
21. Past District Governors (a)
22. Multiple District Secretary (volunteer) (a)
23. Multiple District Treasurer (volunteer) (a)
24. District Secretary (a)
25. District Treasurer (a)
26. Leo Advisory Panelist
27. District GMT/GET/GLT/GST and LCIF Coordinators (a)
28. Region Chairperson (a)
29. Zone Chairperson (a)
30. District Committee Chairperson (a)
31. Club Presidents (a)
32. Immediate Past Club President (a)
33. Club Past Presidents (a)
34. Club Secretary (a)
35. Club Treasurer (a)

Mahalo for being amazing Lions. Have a safe and Merry Christmas! We hope that 2025 was a terrific year for you, and that next year will be even better!



# JANUARY WEEK OF SERVICE

## What is Weeks of Service?

Lions Club International (LCI) mobilizes Lions and Leos worldwide to take action on three urgent global challenges—**mental health and well-being, hunger, and the environment**. Each issue is spotlighted for one dedicated week, empowering clubs to lead impactful service projects and raise awareness in their communities.

## What is planned for January?

LCI urges you to mark your calendars for **Hunger week set for January 3-11, 2026**. Clubs are encouraged to conduct a project related to Hunger during the week of service dates of January 3 – January 11, 2026. In addition, we encourage every club to participate in the Lions in Sight 2026 Recycled Eyeglasses & District 50 Statewide Food Drive on January 24, 2026. (Please see the flyer in this issue for details.)

## Hunger related project ideas

**Support Kūpuna:** Organize a food distribution or pantry restock for seniors or populations at risk in the community. Consider places like community centers or senior centers.

**Help Keiki in Schools:** Provide healthy snacks or meal support for students. Tailor the type of food and how it's shared to fit local needs.

**Community Garden Service:** Volunteer at or partner with a local garden to grow and share produce. Focus on harvesting, planting, education, or consider supporting a nearby farm or taro patch.

**Meals for the Houseless:** Prepare and distribute simple, filling meals to houseless individuals. The menu and outreach approach can reflect each club's capacity and creativity.

**Local Food Drive:** Set up donation bins or collection points for staple foods. Choose locations and items most relevant to the community.

**Cooking & Nutrition Outreach:** Host a short demo or workshop on affordable, healthy meals. Adapt recipes and messaging to match their audience.

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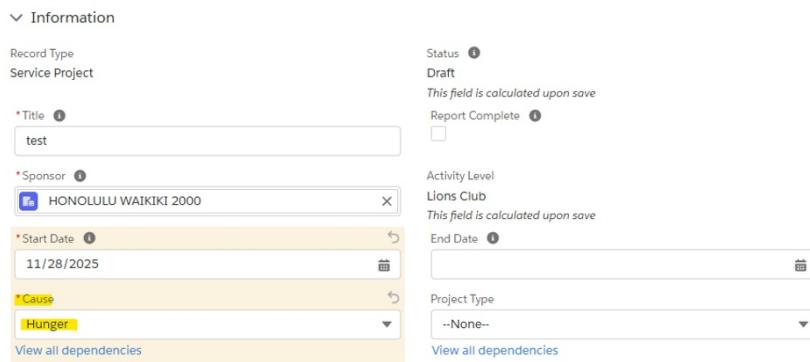
**Financial Contribution:** Consider contributing financially to a trustworthy organization helping with hunger needs in the community.

For more ideas on Hunger related projects for your club, please attend the upcoming **Best Practices webinar on December 22nd at 6:30 p.m.** [Zoom Link](#)

### How do I document our Hunger related projects?

Through the Lions Portal of course! And, there is a special way to document these projects on the portal!

- In the Lions Portal, document your project under the “Hunger” dropdown selection under the “Cause” field:



The screenshot shows a form with the following fields:

- Record Type:** Service Project
- Status:** Draft (This field is calculated upon save)
- Title:** test
- Sponsor:** HONOLULU WAIKIKI 2000
- Start Date:** 11/28/2025
- Activity Level:** Lions Club (This field is calculated upon save)
- Cause:** Hunger (highlighted in yellow)
- End Date:** (empty)
- Project Type:** --None--

### LCI's Club Excellence Award

“The Club Excellence Award acknowledges the dedication and legacy of service within individual clubs and is the foundation for excellence awards presented to Zone Chairpersons, Region Chairpersons and District Governors” (2025-2026 Excellence Award Criteria, LCI).

One requirement of the Club Excellence Award is to implement and report participation in each of LCI's three Weeks of Service. For Hunger Week, projects must take place during January 3–11, 2026 with a 10-day grace period before January 3 and after January 11. All projects must be documented in the Lions Portal to qualify. More information can be found here: [Club Excellence Award](#)



For any questions on the information above, please contact:  
**Lion Chris Chow**  
**D50 Hawaii Global Service Team Coordinator**  
[chrischow@hawaiilions.org](mailto:chrischow@hawaiilions.org)

## Message from SVDG Tony Tassillio — A Season of Gratitude & Service

Aloha D50 Lions,

Wishing and praying for every Lion, CIS, and 'ohana — good health, blessings, and a wonderful holiday season. Much aloha to all of you.

Our commitment to serving Hawai'i continues through projects such as:

**Eyeglass Pickup • Trash Pickup • Sandwich Giving • Bible Giving • Clothing Giving • Highway Cleanups • Vision Screening • Hearing Screening • Hot Meals • Kupuna Feeding on Thanksgiving Eve • Houseless & Families-in-Need Feeding on Thanksgiving Day**

Mahalo nui loa, Lions!

Lion Tony Tassillio

2nd Vice District Governor, District 50 Hawai'i



### Completed Activities: November 2025

11/02	SVDG Training Session
11/05	Vision Screening SVDG Training Session
11/06	Hearing Screening
11/08	SVDG Training Session
11/10	SVDG Training Session
11/11	Waiakea Lions Board & General Meeting Visitation
11/13	SVDG Training Session
11/17	Kona Lions Club Visitation
11/18	Hearing Screening: Waiakea Elementary SVDG Training Session
11/21	Turkey pick up (200 lbs; 200 miles) SVDG Training Session
11/24	Cooking 9 turkeys
11/25	Picked up 15 pumpkin pies (200 miles)
11/26	Fed 77 kupuna
11/27	Fed houseless and families in need with 3 clubs (Hilo Hawaii Lions Unlimited, Hilo Crescent City Lions, Hilo Waiakea Lions)



## Inspired to Serve: Lion John & Lion David Share Their Journeys



### Lion John Hoomanawanui Lāhainā Mauna Kahālāwai Lions Club

#### Lion John, who has been the biggest influence in your Lions journey?

Our Kalaupapa patients who are/were Lions Club members. Namely, my sponsor Lion Gloria Marks, Clarence "Boogie" Kahilihiwa, and Lion Claire Chapelle. These Kūpuna, Boogie & Gloria, have been my biggest influence as they endured separation from their families but made time to exemplify our Lion's Club tenet of

'unselfish service to others.'

#### What first inspired you to join the Lions?

Before I knew the Lions Club & Leo Club were connected, I was inspired by the Leo Club in Hilo High School and their community service projects.

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

From 2012-2015: In Kalaupapa, I looked forward to Kalaupapa Lions Club's annual Christmas Lū'au because fellow Wai`anae Lions Club would come to help prepare & serve our food; they were exceptional and bonded with our patients.

#### What is the best thing you've eaten at a Lions event?

Uncle Pali Lelepali's laulau in Kalaupapa has been the best thing I have eaten at a Lions Club event!

*Lion John has been a dedicated member of the Mauna Kahālāwai Lions Club since 2013 and currently serves as the club's Vice President.*



### Cabinet Secretary Lion David Iwana Hawaii Kai Lions Club

#### Lion David, what advice would you share with a fellow Lion who's thinking about stepping into a leadership role?

Volunteering to be a Lion leader can be daunting, but exciting at the same time. If you are thinking about being a leader, you already have the mindset! It is important to keep in mind that you are not alone. Supporting you are your Lions 'ohana! I personally decided to be a club president because, after listening and observing in the club, I had ideas that I wanted to try to implement to keep the club moving forward.

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**Your club is known for its strong membership and welcoming spirit — who invited you to join HKLC, and what do you remember about that experience?**

Long time member and my sponsor Lion Ron Goong called and invited me to go a meeting. At the meeting, several Lions warmly welcomed me. Lion Ken Nishibun “volunteered” me to attend a vision screening. Upon arriving at the screening, Lion Ken immediately involved me in the process. His instructions were clear and supportive, which made it easy to step in and contribute. It was a meaningful, memorable and extremely rewarding experience. I was hooked on Lionism!

**Since becoming a Lion, what skill or quality have you developed the most?**

Over the years as a Lion, I have improved my leadership skills, especially after experiencing the Lions Leadership Institute. Learning and subsequently instructing/facilitating courses in the Institute, broadened my understanding of how to be a better leader. Good communication was one of the most important skills that I was challenged to improve.

**What's one of the funniest or most memorable moments you've experienced at a Lions event?**

Funniest moment, that's easy! At the recent USA/Canada Leadership Forum on the “fun” night, I wore an Aquaman costume and not one person recognized my character! There were hundreds of Lions at the event! DG Sean just about fell to the ground laughing at the situation! We laughed and enjoyed the situation!

Recently, a very touching and memorable moment was when my sponsor Lion Ron Goong, came to our meeting and was presented with his recognition as a Life member. We hugged and he said he was proud of our relationship. It brought us to tears! Friends and Lions forever!

*Lion David has been proudly serving as a Lion since 2013.*



*Mahalo to DG Bruddah Sean for sharing this photo!  
~Lion Renee, Editor*

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

## A Note of Appreciation

As we reflect on 2025 and the progress made possible through your support, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for your continued generosity and belief in our mission of Service. Your commitment remains essential to advancing the work of the Foundation, and we are deeply appreciative of the meaningful impact you help create.

During this season of peace, hope, and renewal, we wish you and your loved ones joy, harmony, and memorable moments. May the coming year bring you abundant blessings and continued inspiration.

With sincere appreciation,  
Hawaii Lions Foundation, Trustees



Hawaii Lions Foundation

# D50 Best Practices Meeting: “Masters of Marketing” Highlights Proven Strategies for Club Visibility & Growth

Submitted by DG Sean Benito

District 50's monthly Best Practices Meeting held in November, centered on “Masters of Marketing,” spotlighting two standout clubs—**Kaua‘i Lions Club** and **Ewa Beach Lions Club**—that are setting the standard for modern, community-focused outreach.

This session was described as one of the most powerful and inspiring Best Practices meetings yet, thanks to the genuine insights and energy shared by President Debra Thompson and Vice President & Zone Chair Lola Tripp.

## Kaua‘i Lions: A Model of Modern, Responsive Leadership



### Disco Fundraiser

President Debra Thompson showcased the **Kaua‘i Lions’** successful Disco Fundraiser, which replaced their long-running Blind Dining event and drew significant community interest.

#### Event Outcomes:

- Attendance: 160–170 people
- Pre-Sale Tickets: 70
- Non-Lions Attendees: ~80%
- Total Revenue: \$6,900
- Expenses: \$1,910
- Net Profit: \$4,990
- Ticket Price: \$40, alcohol-free

Beneath the numbers, **Kaua‘i Lions** shared something deeper: an intentional commitment to evolve with their community.

### A Commitment Made 10 Years Ago

President Debra shared that when the club chartered 10 years ago, they made a promise to stay responsive to the changing needs of their members and their island community.

That forward-thinking mindset is why they:

- Accept Venmo and digital payments
- Use social media and group texts
- Delegate digital tasks to younger members and helpers
- Embrace change, trends, and new ways of connecting with people

This is not just marketing — it's a philosophy of leadership.

### Kaua‘i Lions’ Marketing Techniques

1. Strategic and Consistent Social Media Posting
  - The club posted flyers, teaser videos, and day-of photos to build excitement and visibility.
2. High-Quality Content Creation
  - Disco Chair Lion Melanee designed the official flyer and tickets

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- President Debra's kids took photos and video footage at the event, then turned it into polished social media content
- The combination gave their event a fresh, modern, and professional look.

- QR Code Ticketing & Digital Payments
  - Easy, mobile-friendly ticketing appealed to younger adults and boosted pre-sales.
- Real-Time Posting During the Event
  - Live photos and videos helped expand reach and created instant buzz.

Why it works:

**Kaua'i Lions** look like a club that understands today's audience — active, relevant, and welcoming.

## Ewa Beach Lions: A Visibility Powerhouse With Passionate Leadership

Vice President & Zone Chair Lola Tripp shared the **Ewa Beach Lions'** dynamic approach to marketing, built on creativity, consistency, and an unstoppable "can-do" attitude.

### Club Activity Highlights

- 36-unit Christmas Parade
- Krispy Kreme fundraiser bringing in \$1,300–\$1,400 per event
- Annual Free Valentine's Dance for seniors
- Strong partnerships with local businesses
- Outreach through Facebook, Instagram, banners, QR codes, and flyers

Their **Ewa Beach Lions Foundation** continues to support donations, sponsorships, and large-scale event planning.

### Lola's Inspiring Style

Attendees described Lion Lola as:

- Passionate
- Energizing
- Encouraging
- Resourceful
- A natural motivator

Many remarked, "We need to get her in front of more clubs." Her enthusiasm and leadership represent the next wave of D50 Lions.

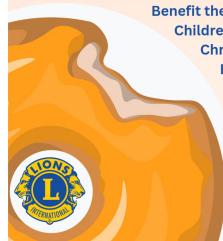
### Ewa Beach's Marketing Techniques

- Members Sharing Events on Personal Accounts
  - This multiplies reach and helps the club tap into younger demographics.
- High-Visibility Street Banners
  - Perfect for reaching kupuna, families, and non-social-media users.
- QR Codes on All Flyers
  - Instant access encourages immediate sign-ups and interest.
- Flyers in Local Businesses
  - Longs Drugs, community stores, and neighborhood hubs help spread the word.
- Events That Create Their Own Buzz
  - Parades, dances, and service projects generate photos, shares, and community talk.
- Foundation Structure
  - Helps secure donations, sponsorships, and smoother outreach.

**Ewa Beach Lion's Club Foundation**


  
**\$15 A DOZEN FUNDRAISER**

Date: Sat. October 4th, 2025  
Time: 8AM-12PM, while supplies last  
Location: Safeway Ewa Beach


  
**Benefit the Lions Club's Annual**  
 Children's Christmas Party  
 Christmas Parade  
 Halloween Event  
 Easter Event  
 & Other Ewa Beach  
 Community  
 Services

For More Information:  
Call Lion Lola

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## A Best Practices Meeting That Set a New Standard

This session stood out because it featured real, practical success stories — not theory.

President Debra and Lion Lola demonstrated:

- How to operate a modern Lions Club
- How to attract younger members
- How to use digital tools effectively
- How to stay connected to community needs
- How energy and consistency translate into growth

Both leaders represent the future of District 50: adaptive, service-driven, and rooted in Aloha.

## Marketing in 2025: The New Reality for Lions Clubs

Key insights from the meeting:

- Social media is a required tool
- Clubs should post photos and videos quickly
- QR codes enhance engagement
- Tech-savvy members or volunteers boost efficiency
- Lions International resources available at: <https://lionsvirtual.org>

Clubs that embrace digital communication are the clubs that grow.

## Engaging Younger Members Through Family-Centered Events

Both **Kaua'i** and **Ewa Beach** showed that younger adults respond to:

- Keiki events
- Bingo nights
- Social gatherings
- Quick, visual communication
- Fun, interactive outreach
- Delegation of creative tasks

The more a club is seen, the more it grows.

## Conclusion

This month's "Masters of Marketing" session confirmed that District 50 has leaders who are ready to take Lions into the future.

President Debra Thompson and Vice President & Zone Chair Lola Tripp are shining examples of modern Lions leadership — blending tradition with innovation, and service with visibility.

Their commitment, creativity, and adaptability show that the future of District 50 Lions is strong, vibrant, and rooted in the spirit of Aloha.





## ALOHA POWER IN ACTION 'Ohana of Service Heroes

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

Instagram: [@bruddahsean](#)



**Hilo Crescent City Lions** took charge of KTA Super Stores' Haunted House Costume Contest, serving up big laughs, spooky fun, and plenty of boo-tiful costumes!



Celebrating **Lions Club of Honolulu**'s 99th Charter Anniversary with Lion Sheri, **Honolulu Roosevelt Lions**



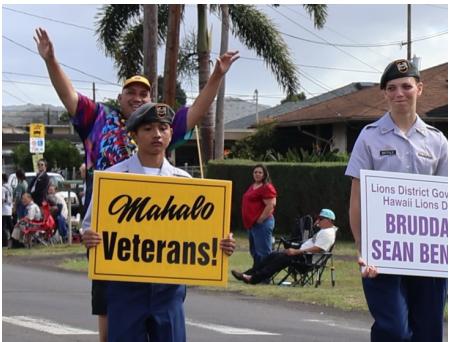
The **Lions Club of Kona** proudly presents the Lifetime Membership Award to Lion Don Sasaki. (Lion Don is pictured on the right.)

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Honored to join the **Wahiawa Lions Club's Veterans Day Parade!** Loved seeing the **Mililani High School Leos** and **D50 Leo President**

Annabelle out there spreading spirit and service!



Enjoyed an awesome **Region IV Zone 2 Social** at Sports Box Hi with **Pearl City Lions, Leeward Oahu Lions, Honolulu Healthy Leo Lions, Mana Loa Nimitz Lions.**

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Proud to be part of the Maui Senior Health Fair with **Region 6 Maui Lions** and to spend the day with such an amazing community.

Truly enjoyed the fellowship and fun at the **Kahului Lions' Harvest Home Celebration!**  
View ZC Paul's photo highlights in this issue.





## Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Lion Gary Nip & Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita

GIVINGTUESDAY



Lions Clubs International  
FOUNDATION

### GIVING TUESDAY

We invite you to join us on **Tuesday, December 2, 2025** as we participate in **Giving Tuesday**. It is a day of giving in any amount that you can, to empower Lions Service locally and worldwide.



**LCIF Area G** includes D50 Hawaii, Colorado, Kansas, Arizona, Utah, Nebraska, Wyoming, New Mexico, & Nevada.

**Donations:** D50 donated \$13,638 or 27% of our goal of \$50,192 **D50 is 6<sup>th</sup> place in Area G**

**Number of donors:** 8.1% **D50 is 1<sup>st</sup> place in Area G**

**Number of clubs donating:** 55.2% **D50 is 1<sup>st</sup> place in Area G**



### YEAR END APPEAL

LCIF is mailing reminders for year-end donations for tax purposes.



**LCIF Fundraiser — details to follow.**

**HAPPY Holidays!**

We would like to extend our deepest thanks for your donations. Your support helps us continue our mission to empower Lions around the world to serve their communities, meet humanitarian needs, and promote peace and international understanding.

Because of donors like you, LCIF can fund critical projects in areas such as vision, youth, disaster relief, hunger, environment, childhood cancer, diabetes, and more. Your contribution truly makes a difference in the lives of individuals and communities in need.

We are honored to count you among our valued supporters, and we are inspired by your commitment to service. Together, we are building a better world—one community at a time.

Thank you again for your generosity and dedication to the Lions' cause.

With gratitude, IPDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita & PDG Gary Nip

### 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**

# YOUNG LION SCHOLARSHIP

## TO BUILD & PROMOTE LEADERS UNDER 40

Each District Governor fundraises for this scholarship.  
DG Sean Benito will be awarding one scholarship.

### THIS SCHOLARSHIP PARTIALLY FUNDS ATTENDANCE TO

- District 50 Convention or
- Lions International Convention or
- USA/Canada Forum or
- Other event subject to committee approval

### REQUIREMENTS

- Is a Lion in good standing for 6 months +
- Is younger than 40 years old
- Participated in various leadership roles
- Share what you learn with future applicants
- Submit your application to PDG Gary & CIS Joyce Nip  
not later than January 31

For more information call  
PDG Gary Nip



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International Association of Lions Clubs  
**District 50 Hawaii Lions**

Started in FY2022-23 by PDG Gary & CIS Joyce Nip



**Young (under age 40) Lions Scholarship Application**  
(Every Lions' experience large or small builds a better leader)

Application Submission Deadline is January 31, 2026

Please print or type:

Last name

First name

Street address

City

Zip Code

Home Phone

Work Phone

Cell Phone

Email address

Date of birth

Name of Lions Club      Date you became a Lion      Lions Officer position held & year(s):

Emergency Contact name

Relationship

Emergency phone

Choose one of the following for which you will use the scholarship:

Hawaii Lions Convention     Lions International Convention     USA/Canada Forum  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

The following questions will be asked during a personal interview:

- What are your past leadership role(s) / activities? Site examples of successes in those roles.
- What are your future leadership roles or goals? Explain in detail.
- What sessions, forums, and/or training have you attended in the past?
- Any other examples of leadership roles?

A zoom interview will be scheduled to meet the applicants. Best day: \_\_\_\_\_ time: \_\_\_\_\_

If selected, I agree to attend the sessions, forums, and/or trainings. If I am unable to attend any sessions, forums, and/or trainings, I agree to return the scholarship fund awarded to me by D50 Hawaii Lions.

Applicant Signature

Date

# Navigate the Lion Portal with Confidence

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier  
Global Leadership Team Chairperson & D50 District Administrator



The Lion Portal was rolled out in April 2023 and continues to improve with ongoing updates. In many ways inputting as well as extracting data has become easier with more data available to the individual, club, and district officers. Data access by all is limited to personal data of a Lion or Leo. Extra access is available to club or district to Lion or Leo officers. There is a "need to know" access based on the Lion or Leo assignment for access to the information.

## Registering for the Lion Portal

Before anyone can access the Lion Portal they have to register for access. This process is easy and can be done in just a few minutes. To register, you must:

- Be a member whose information is already posted in the portal as a Lion or Leo.
- Use the email already posted in the portal - if you are unsure, contact your club secretary, president, or administrator for assistance.
- Your email in the portal must be unique, which means you are the only one using that email in the Lion Portal.
- Have a current phone number listed.

## Once Registered

Log in and access features which can be of benefit to you as a Lion or Leo:

- "Membership Information"
- "Service Activity" posting
- "Learn" training classes which are short and accessible to Lions and Leos

I encourage you to log in and explore the various pages. The easiest way to understand your access is simply to look around the site—if something isn't available to you, the system will let you know. Take some time to practice navigating and get comfortable with the layout.

## Need Help?

For questions or assistance, please contact:

- **PDG Eric Nordmeier**
- **Lion Chris Chow**

# NOAA 2025–2026 Wet Season Weather Outlook (October 2025–April 2026)

Submitted by PDG Garrett Ogawa, Emergency Awareness Chairperson



Source: NOAA/National Weather Service – issued October 23, 2025

## Overview

- A **weak La Niña** is underway and expected to last through early 2026, shifting to **neutral conditions by March**.
- The upcoming **wet season** will likely bring **above-normal rainfall**, especially across **O‘ahu and Kaua‘i**, through early spring.
- **Temperatures** are forecast to remain **above normal statewide**.

## Dry Season Recap (May–Sept 2025)

- The 2025 dry season ranked as **the 3rd driest in 30 years**.
- Drought persisted across about **70% of the state**, worsening on **O‘ahu’s windward and leeward coasts and Hāmākua/Ka‘ū (Big Island)**.

## Wet Season Implications

- If rainfall patterns hold, **drought conditions are expected to improve or end** in most areas by April 2026.
- Expect **periods of heavy rain**, localized **flooding**, and **occasional thunderstorms**, especially during January–March 2026.

## Preparedness Recommendations for Hotel & Security Teams

### 1. Flood Awareness:

- Inspect and clear storm drains and catch basins around the property.
- Keep sandbags or barriers ready for vulnerable areas (garages, loading docks, pool pump rooms).

### 2. Safety Precautions:

- Avoid driving or walking through floodwaters; brief staff on safe response procedures.
- Ensure backup lighting and power systems are maintained and tested.

### 3. Guest Communication:

- Expect slower traffic and possible road closures during heavy rain events.
- Remind guests to avoid hiking or outdoor activities near streams or ridgelines during storms.

## Serving with Aloha Across Our Islands

### WAIAKEA LIONS CLUB November by the Numbers

Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai

**603** Elementary students participated in Hearing Screenings

Keonepoko | Na'alehu | Pahala | Pahoa |  
Waiakeawaena



**420** Boxes packed full of food items at The Food Basket.



**37** Bags of green waste collected at Liliuokalani Gardens (Legacy Project).



**5** Bags of rubbish — found hiding in the tall grass (Highway Cleanup).



### Tasty Donation to Aloha Pono Lions Club

Submitted by Lion Aileen Deese

A super big mahalo to Pacific Roast Café owners and **Aloha Pono Lions Club** members, Chefs Ernesto and Celeste Limcaco, for sponsoring “Juicy Burger Days” every Monday and Saturday throughout October. For each burger sold, \$2 was donated to the **Aloha Pono Lions Club** — a delicious way to support our service!

At our Halloween Party on October 31, Chef Celeste proudly presented a \$400 donation to **Aloha Pono** from this tasty effort.

Mahalo, Lion Chefs Ernesto and Celeste, for your generosity, creativity, and aloha!



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## A Roaring Good Time in the Community!

Submitted by Lion Kalae Kukahiko



On November 15, the **Kahalu'u Lions** teamed up with the **Ko'olauloa Moku Lions Club** to provide vision screenings for students at Ka'a'awa Elementary School, and on November 22, **Kahalu'u Lions Club** members were at Parker Methodist Church in Kāne'ohe, sharing about our club and promoting Diabetes Awareness with the community.

## Kauai Lions Club Serves Thanksgiving with Heart

Submitted by Lion President Deb Thompson

For our Thanksgiving service project, the **Kauai Lions Club** prepared a delicious meal of pork tofu, corn, rice, and brownies for the clients of Friendship House, a rehabilitation facility supporting individuals living with mental illness. After serving the meal, Lions delivered the remaining plates to kūpuna and members of the houseless community in town.



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## A Proud Tradition: Wahiawā Lions Present the 79th Veterans Day Parade

Submitted by Lion Pamela Young

The **Wahiawa Lions Club** proudly presented the 79th Annual Veterans Day Parade, themed “Honoring the Sacrifice,” on November 11, 2025. Parade Committee Chair Lion Rene Mansho played an essential role in the parade’s success—recruiting judges, securing the announcer, and even appearing on the evening news. With this year’s event complete, she is already gearing up for next year’s milestone 80th celebration.

Visit the [Hawaii Lions Facebook](#) page to enjoy all of the photos from the event.

### Wahiawa Lions



### Lion Rene Mansho

As the parade committee chair, she solicited the judges for the parade, was interviewed for the evening news, and recruited the parade announcer.



## Happy Holidays from Palolo Lions Club!

Submitted by Lion Bev Mau,  
President



## Akaka Falls Lions Club & Hilo High School Leo Club

# Fun, Fellowship & New Faces —

# What a Day with Our Lions & Hilo High School Leos!

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro

Great turnout from our **Akaka Falls Lions** and **Hilo High School Leos** at our New Member Orientation/FunDay at the Puueo Community Center.

Everyone had a blast during our blindfolded modified Bocce Ball challenge — where listening skills became the secret to victory — and teamwork shined again in our “blindfolded stick-the-ball” game, complete with plenty of laughs and prizes for our Leos. Our newly sponsored **Hilo High School Leos** also enjoyed delicious potluck dishes as part of the day’s festivities.



Our Wonder Knitter workshop taught us how to make yarn leis for the D50 Citizenship Ceremonies on O‘ahu. While some Lions enjoyed using the Wonder Knitter tool, others stuck with their favorite hands-or-fingers method. Lion Jan proudly showed off her completed lei — while several of us packed ours up to finish at home!

We promoted our upcoming Hilo Christmas Parade during the Veteran’s Day Parade, with several members also helping with staging and coordination.

**To all our fellow Lions —**  
**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**



# Moments that Matter: Maui Lions Through the Zone

## Chair's Lens

Submitted by ZC Paul Seto



**Lahaina Lions Club** Past President Lisa, Lion Charlene, and their team completed a two-day community service project at *Ku Mai Ka Hula* in Lahaina.

Guest Speaker Senator Troy Hashimoto highlighted the **Kahului Lions Club** and **Maui Lions** in his monthly newsletter, recognizing our accomplishments following the Maui wildfires two years ago and our ongoing community service projects.



Grateful to join the Kahului Lions Club for their monthly meeting at Tasty Crust. The club's calendar of community service events is truly impressive, reflecting their ongoing commitment to making Maui a better place for all.

consecutive year. They also helped to package more than 400 food boxes for families impacted by the Lahaina wildfire. The boxes were distributed to Lahaina residents at Lahaina Intermediate School, where President Dennis and members of the **Lahaina Lions Club** were on hand to assist.



Guest Speaker Ms. Perry and visiting **Geneva Nations Lions Club** President Lion Clemens Adams — Switzerland's only English-speaking club, exchanged gifts



**Maui Lions**, PDG Joseph, PDG Mark, and Eloise presented a \$10,000 check to Binihi at Ani, a Filipino nonprofit we have supported for the second

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The **Maui Lions** participated in the annual Maui Senior Fair, with DG Sean and D50 Photographer Lion Pamela attending to show their support.

### Kahului Lions Club's Home Harvest Celebration

District Governor Sean presented a Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of the **Maui Lions** to Maui Food Bank Director Chelsey Ham for securing the Walmart storefront in support of the D50 Statewide Food Drive. He also presented a Certificate of Accomplishment to the Maui Incident Response Team for their continued support of Maui wildfire relief efforts since 2023.

Mahalo to DG Sean, IPDG Dr. Lori, Lion Dr. James, FVDG Dr. Cedric, D50 Photographer Lion Pamela, and Cabinet Officer Lion Jaci for traveling from the neighbor islands to support the **Maui Lions**.



## A Safer Season For All

Submitted by PDG Garrett Ogawa, Emergency Awareness



### CERT-tainly Something to Celebrate!

Congratulations Lion Joy Shimizu of the **Kina'ole Lions Club** for completing the CERT program!

**What is the most common cause of house fires?**

 An illustration of a white house with a brown roof and a window, surrounded by orange and red flames. Below the house is a small outdoor table with a chair.
 

- Smoking
- Electrical Fire
- Cooking
- Candles

Answer: Cooking. Be Safe!

#### CHRISTMAS TREE

#### Safety



Decorating homes and businesses is a long-standing tradition around the holiday season. Unfortunately, these same decorations may increase your community's chances of a fire.

#### Did you know:

Almost one-third of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.

Source: *National Fire Protection Association*

- Keep candles at least 12 inches away from anything that burns. Make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be knocked down easily.
- Consider using battery-operated flameless candles, which can look, smell and feel like real candles.
- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Read manufacturer's instructions for the number of light strands to connect.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.
- Make sure your tree is at least 3 feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, candles or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.
- Get rid of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.

**Wishing you ALL a safe and Happy Holidays! See you ALL next year!**

## Aloha Pono Lions Club

## Sharing Aloha Through Gourmet Bentos

Submitted by Lion Aileen Deese



Mahalo to **Aloha Pono Lions** members Denise, Laurie, Randy, Pancho, Victor, Aileen and Howard — along with potential new members Juana, Jasmine, and Prisca — for helping to box up and deliver 125 delicious gourmet bentos on Sunday, November 2!

All meals were lovingly prepared and donated by **Aloha Pono** members Chef Ernesto and Chef Celeste of *Prime Roast Café*. Recipients in the McCully–Mō‘ili‘ili–Makiki area were deeply appreciative — many offered heartfelt “God Bless You” messages and smiles of gratitude, with one even saying, “This was such a great surprise on a Sunday!”

## Gourmet Bento Menu:

- Pork Belly and Ham Garlic Fried Rice
- Braised Chicken with Mustard Sauce and Ham Garlic Fried Rice
- Garlic Shrimp with Pesto and Ham Garlic Fried Rice
- Spaghetti with Smoked Chicken and Prosciutto Ham Ragout, finished with Parmesan Reggiano

**Aloha Pono Lions** continue to grow — welcoming active new members and potential members ready to serve! Together, we can do even more projects that spread kindness and nourishment in our communities. So proud of our growing ‘ohana!



## Telling Our Story, One Issue at a Time

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier

Each month after reading the *Leo Liona*, I send Editor Lion Renee a note of thanks. She always replies with the same humble enthusiasm: “*Thanks for the encouragement... I’m having a lot of fun... I’m learning so much.*”



Many Lions may not know her face because she serves quietly. When PDG Gary needed a new editor during his DG year, he reached out just as she had stepped back from the **Koko Head Lions** to care for her parents — and encouraged her to stay

connected. Four years later, we’re all grateful he did.

The November *Leo Liona* — an impressive 51 pages — overflowed with inspiring photos, creative flyers, and heartfelt stories. Lion Renee

pours her heart into every issue, showcasing not only our clubs but also the passion of our committees. She credits all of you who share your stories and photos, along with Lion Irwin for his beautiful designs and proofreading support.

As a fellow bulletin editor, **I encourage every club to share an article or photo.** Lions are humble, but when we tell our stories, we inspire others to serve — and together, we can help even more people.

Lion Renee often says the *Leo Liona* preserves our history. PID Bob Lee’s recent reflection on D50’s Past International Directors reminds us how our present connects to our proud past.

As DG Sean expands our storytelling through social media, the *Leo Liona* remains a cornerstone of connection and aloha across D50 — celebrating service, inspiring others, and strengthening our shared pride.

### Aloha Pono Lions Club

## Childhood Cancer Prevention: Donation Highlight

Submitted by Lion Aileen Deese

This story celebrates the generosity of the Aloha Pono Lions Club, whose members — with help from friends and family — collected coins to support Childhood Cancer Prevention.

District 50 Hawai‘i Lions Childhood Cancer Awareness Chair, Lion Virginia McMahon, personally brought the jars to the bank. Her note shared the impact: “Aileen, the coins have been counted. One jar contained \$163.17, the second contained \$94.26. Thank you again for your club’s donations of \$257.43 in coins plus \$40 in cash for a total of \$297.43.”

These funds — combined with donations from other clubs — will be forwarded as a single check to the Kapiolani Medical Center Pediatric Cancer Ward to support keiki and families facing childhood cancer.

**Total Donation from Aloha Pono Lions Club: \$297.43**

Mahalo to Lion Virginia for her leadership and to the Aloha Pono Lions Club for showing how small acts of kindness can create meaningful impact.



*Lion Virginia McMahon with coin collection.*

## Honolulu Roosevelt Lions Club

## The Move to Pu'uhonua o Wai'anae Mauka

Submitted by Lion Albert Fung

On October 19th, I escorted Lion Jaci Yokogawa (**Koko Head**) and Lion Henry Acosta (**Honolulu Roosevelt Lions Club**) as well as three people from Purple Maia to the Wai'anae Boat Harbor to help clean up the encampment in preparation of clearing out the Boat Harbor as they move up to Pu'uhonua O Wai'anae Mauka village.



Together we cleared one of the camps formerly occupied by Jacleen, who was in [my short 360 documentary](#).

The 20 acre Wai'anae property was purchased with \$1.2 million in donations and working with the state, they were able to tie in sewer, water, and electricity to give what will be over 250 houseless individuals a place to call home. As of October, they had 60 homes built with several more in various phases of construction and one out of 7 community facilities (kitchen, bathrooms and showers, and laundry) being prepared.

They must be moved out of the boat harbor by the end of November.

More info: <https://www.puuhonuaowaianae.com/>



## West Kauai Lions Club Annual Thanksgiving Social

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier

Over 55 Lions, families, and supporters gathered for the **West Kauai Lions Club's Annual Thanksgiving Social**, with strong participation from **Kauai, Koloa, and East Kauai Lions Clubs**. The evening opened with lively entertainment, followed by a delicious potluck dinner. Clubs and members contributed turkey, ham, side dishes, desserts, beverages, and supplies, ensuring plenty of food for everyone. Participants also donated numerous prizes, and the program included fun prize drawings throughout the night. The event was free to attend, and even featured ten Costco pies, with nine given away as door prizes.



Lanai City Lions Club  
 Lanai High & Elementary School Leo Club  
**Caring for Our Heroes: Veterans Day with the Lanai Leos**

Submitted by Lion Debbie dela Cruz

**Lanai High & Elementary School Leos** marked Veterans Day with hands-on gratitude—cleaning the veterans' area of the community cemetery alongside the **Lanai City Lions** and placing their own handmade floral tributes. Later, they brought their appreciation into town with thank-you posters and surprise cookies for veterans.



Koko Head Lions Club

## Party for Causes: Celebrate Christmas With Koko Head Lions Club!

Submitted by Lion Shasta Yamada

The **Koko Head Lions Club** warmly invites you to a festive gathering with purpose, service, and community at its heart. This year, we're turning holiday cheer into meaningful impact by supporting all nine Lions Clubs International global causes in one joyful event.

### Admission With Purpose

To enter, we simply ask for:

- 1 unopened toy – supporting Childhood Cancer
- 2 canned goods – supporting Hunger Relief

**Please RSVP here or email**  
[shastayamada@hawaiilions.org](mailto:shastayamada@hawaiilions.org)

Your donations will help bring comfort, hope, and holiday spirit to families in need. Admission includes a light dinner.

### Explore Our Global Causes in a Festive Way!

#### Childhood Cancer: Toy Drive

Bring a brand-new, unwrapped toy to bring joy to keiki facing cancer during the holidays.

#### Hunger: Canned Goods Donation

Your canned goods will support local food initiatives and provide meals for those experiencing food insecurity.

#### Vision: Try Our New Vision Machine!

Stop by our Vision Screening booth and get a hands-on look at our brand-new vision machine. Learn how Lions serve communities through early detection and sight-saving screenings.

#### Mental Health: Arts & Crafts Corner

Participate in calming, creative activities designed to support mental wellness during the busy holiday season. Also help us make cards for Kūpuna.



### Environment: Upcycled Christmas Ornaments

Help us protect the planet by creating beautiful holiday ornaments using upcycled materials. Fun, festive, and eco-friendly!

#### Youth: Catalyst Cub Leo Club

Our Leo Club will feature their upcoming service projects and share how they are carrying the spirit of Lions forward.

#### Diabetes: Health Spotlight

We're excited to feature a booth from the American Diabetes Association, complete with:

- Educational resources
- Diabetes-friendly holiday recipes
- Wellness tips to stay healthy through the season

#### Humanitarian & Disaster Relief: Fun, Fundraising, & Festive Cheer

#### Bingo for a Cause

Play to win prizes—all proceeds support Lions humanitarian projects.

#### Silent Auction

Bid on amazing items while helping raise funds for local and global service efforts.

#### Join us also for:

Hot Cocoa Station | Karaoke | LCIF Booth | Learn CPR

This Christmas, let's celebrate together as we uplift our community and champion the causes that define who we are as Lions.

We can't wait to see you there!

**Let's party for causes—  
Koko Head Lions Club style!**

Join Us For  
*Holiday Party*  
*Party for Causes*

**Admission:**  
**(1) New Unopened Toy**  
**& (2) Canned Goods**

**Register Today:** 

**12/17/2025**   **6-9 PM**   **NIU VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

 **BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY** 

- FOOD COLLECTION FOR THE HAWAII FOODBANK
- TOY DRIVE FOR CHILDREN WITH CANCER
- KUPUNA CHRISTMAS CARD MAKING
- UPCYCLING CHRISTMAS ORANAMENTS
- CANDY CANE REINDEER MAKING
- HOT COCOA STATION
- VISION SCREENING
- SILENT AUCTION
- KARAOKE
- FOOD AND MORE

RSVP Deadline:  
December 10, 2025

 **Hosted by: Koko Head Lions Club**



## Kamehameha Lions Club

# Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation presents...

## Liliha-Palama Christmas Parade

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos, President (Kamehameha)

Photo & Videos by: Lions Glenn Teraoka (Pali)

Visit [Hawaii Lions Facebook](#) for more photos & video



The Liliha-Palama Christmas Parade is the signature service project of the **Kamehameha Lions Club**. Held each year on the day after Thanksgiving, this decades-long beloved community tradition may be modest in size, but it draws hundreds of families with keiki who gather along the route to greet the trolley full of Lions spreading Christmas cheer and handing out candy. Established in 1946, this parade is the very first to kick off the holiday season in the State of Hawaii.

Mahalo to our fellow neighboring clubs for their support, along with the presence of DG Sean, who made his first appearance this year in a Lions parade. The following morning, he was in the Hawaii Kai Holiday parade, and then flew back home to be in the Hilo Christmas Lights parade.

In addition, Sacred Hearts Academy, and **La Pietra School for girls LEOs**, sponsored by the **Kamehameha Lions**, brought in their contingent to support the **KLC** family and partake in the march. Help also came from the Prince Hall Masons, very welcome to have them be a part of these past several years.

The parade begins at Judd Street & Liliha Street, continues down North King Street, and concludes at Kohou Street. As the first parade of the holiday season in Hawai'i, it joyfully kicks off the celebrations that follow across our island communities.

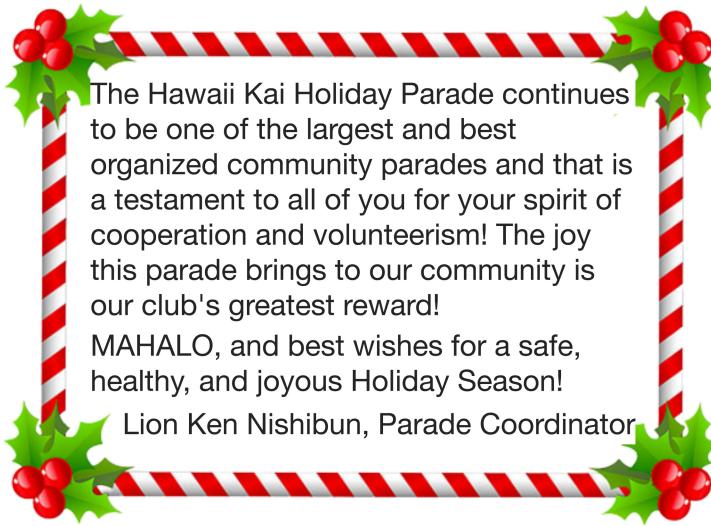


## Hawaii Kai Lions Club

# Hawaii Kai Lions Bring the Holiday Cheer

Photos by: PDG Gary Nip, Lions Shasta Yamada, Jaci Yokogawa (Koko Head) & Lion Spencer Kimura (Hawaii Kai)

Visit [Hawaii Lions Facebook](#) for more photos & video



## Region VII - East Hawaii Lions

## Downtown Hilo Christmas Light Parade

Submitted by DG Sean Benito  
Photos by Lion Janice Asano



The **East Hawai'i Lions** once again lit up the season as hosts of the 2025 Downtown Hilo Christmas Lights Parade, filling the streets with twinkle, cheer, and aloha. It was especially meaningful for me to represent the D50 Hawai'i Lions as the Grand Marshal, leading the procession with pride, joy, and plenty of holiday spirit.

Spectators had fun voting for playful categories like the Shakakalikimaka Award for the most spirited entry, the Fruitcake Award for the most uniquely humorous, and the Winter Buggy Award for the best “on wheels” display. Leo Club members made voting easy by walking the route with QR codes so everyone could vote in real time.

A huge mahalo to our fellow Lions — **Waiākea Lions, Akaka Falls Lions, Hilo Lions, and Hilo Crescent City Lions** — and to our amazing **Leos from Waiākea High School, Hilo High School, and Hilo Crescent City**. Their teamwork and energy made the night shine even brighter for our community.



**KALAKAUA KAMEHAMEHA PALOLO**  
TRI-CLUB LIONS Presents...

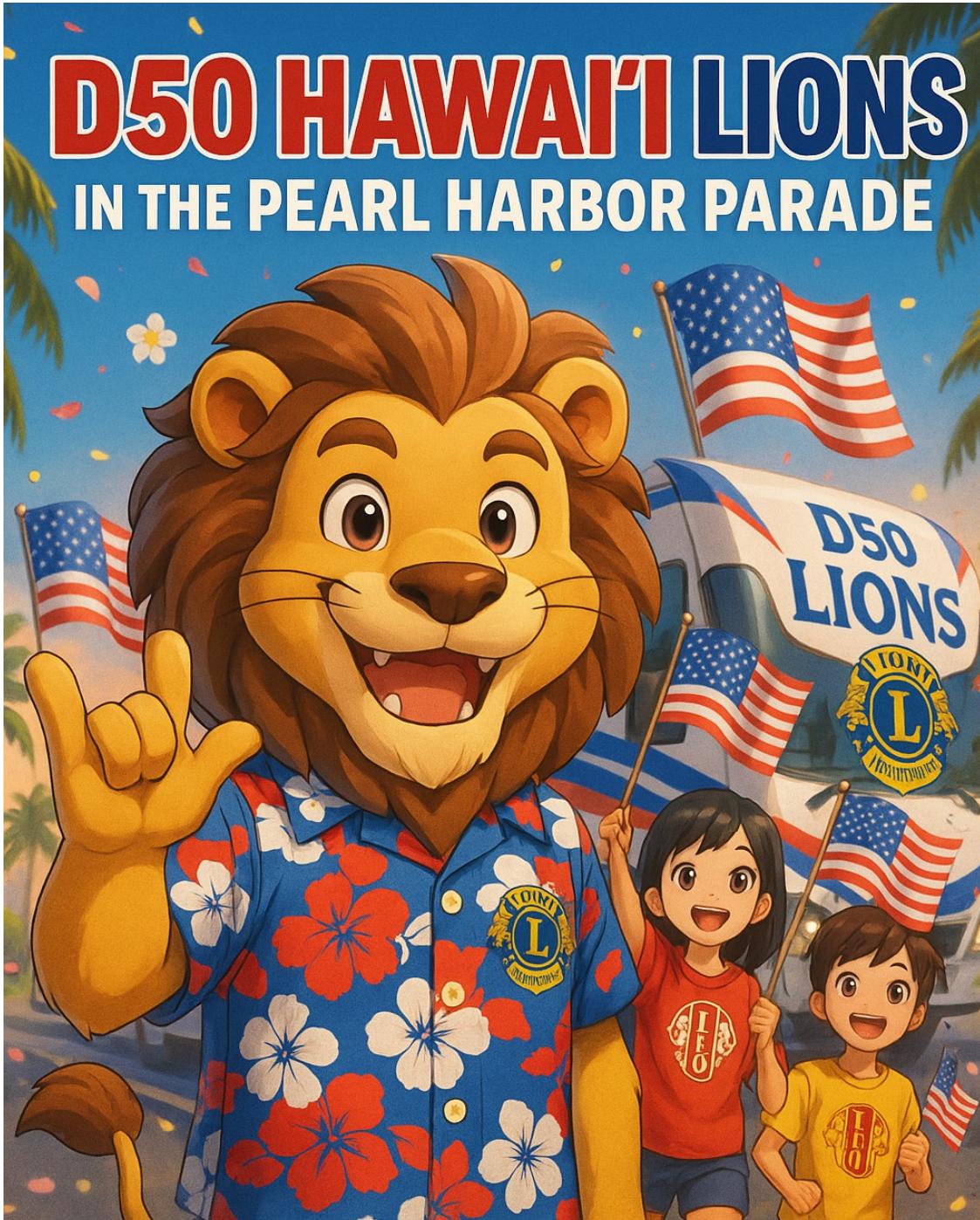
**05 DEC**  
*Friday* **CHRISTMAS** *Party*  
...and Kamehameha Lions 77th Charter

**\$40**  
**EARLY**  
**BIRD**  
by 11/09/25

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

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](http://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

Contact: [LionJeffChing](mailto:LionJeffChing)





# 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](http://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



**HAWAII LIONS.ORG**

# 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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TOWN CENTER  
OF MILILANI



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:



### 68<sup>th</sup> 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.



## USA/CANADA LIONS LEADERSHIP FORUM

**September 3-5, 2026**

**Memphis, Tennessee**



*A RECORD OF DEVELOPING LEADERS*  
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE • SEPTEMBER 3-5, 2026

Please join me next year for the world's largest Lions leadership training event — featuring more than 70 seminar

sessions and thousands of Lions leaders coming together to learn, connect, and share their experiences.

I've also researched airfares (11/28/25) to help with your planning. If you have any questions about the forum or travel details, please feel free to reach out.

Mahalo,  
Lion Tony Tassillio  
2nd Vice District Governor,  
District 50 Hawai'i Lions

KOA	1400HR	MEM	SUN	8/30/26	AM
MEM	AM	KOA	SUN	9/06/26	PM
					RT \$551.97
HNL	NOON	MEM	SUN	8/30/26	AM
MEM	AM	HNL	SUN	9/06/26	AFTERNOON
					RT 560.00
LIH	2300HR	MEM	SUN	8/30/26	AM
MEM	AM	LIH	SUN	9/06/26	AFTERNOON
					RT \$711.00

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Hawaii Lions Foundation presents

# 3RD GOLF CLASSIC

## Fundraiser

05 JUNE 2026

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HAWAII PRINCE GOLF CLUB

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