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Cabinet Meeting

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

**District 50
Hawaii Lions Convention
April 23 - 25, 2026
Hilo, Hawaii**

See you in Hilo!



LIONS CONVENTION 2026
HILO, HAWAII

Design by Lion Geoli Ng
Hilo Crescent City Lions Club

**D50 Lions Convention
Website**



March Membership Madness Begins with the Club

A Message to District 50 Hawai'i Lions & Leos,

In my professional life, I've spent the past 15 years helping build a strong customer service culture. It didn't happen by accident. It didn't happen because of one big push. It happened because we created a system —

something consistent, repeatable, and sustainable.

In Hawai'i, opportunity is everywhere, and so is competition. If you don't build consistency and trust, people simply choose something else. That lesson applies to business — and it applies to Lions.

As we enter March Membership Madness, traditionally a month where Lions Clubs International places special focus on increasing membership, I'd like to suggest something simple:

Membership growth begins with club strength.

Everything begins with the club.

The club is the foundation of the district.

The club is the foundation of Lions Clubs International.

If the club is strong, our district is strong.

If the club is strong, our communities are stronger.

During March Membership Madness, instead of focusing only on recruiting numbers, let's focus on strengthening the foundation. When clubs are healthy, organized, visible, and proud — membership grows naturally and organically.

I call this approach **H.E.A.R.T.**

H – Have a Plan

Build a 12-month calendar before the year begins. Clarity creates confidence.

E – Engage in Visible Service

At least one public, visible service project each month. Visibility builds awareness.

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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
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Past International Director
Robert Lee

Cabinet Secretary
David Iwana

Cabinet Treasurer
Nikki Loh

Sergeant at Arms
Charles Ortiz

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Submissions

Please email submissions for the April issue by March 25th to leoliona@hawaiilions.org
Lion Renee Ako, Editor

A – Ask the Members

Conduct an annual temperature check. When members feel heard, they stay engaged.

R – Raise the Next Leader

Identify and mentor the next president early. Stability builds momentum.

T – Tell the Story

Make joining simple. Use a QR code. Share your service. Let the community see how to become a Lion.

When clubs operate with H.E.A.R.T., something powerful happens.

Members feel proud.

Proud members invite others.

Invitations lead to growth.

And we are already seeing this in action.

Recently, the **Hawai'i Kai Lions Club** was honored with the Kindness Matters Service Award (KMSA) from Lions Clubs International. Out of all clubs worldwide, only 30 projects were selected — truly extraordinary. From what we understand, this is the first time a District 50 Hawai'i club has earned this distinction.

Congratulations to **Hawai'i Kai** Lion Eric Kvick, who spearheaded the Rescue Tube Project in 2015, and to the entire **Hawai'i Kai Lions Club**. This visionary leadership and the numerous collaborations with partner agencies and community organizations necessary to bring the project to life exemplify what strong clubs do best: plan boldly, build bridges, and serve with visible, lasting impact.

Mahalo to **Hawai'i Kai Lions Club** for the countless lives saved, the lifesaving awareness brought to our community, and for shining an international spotlight on District 50 Hawai'i Lions through your extraordinary service.

This recognition did not happen by accident. It happened because a club planned, served visibly, engaged its members, and told its story. That is H.E.A.R.T. in action.

The district will be celebrating this accomplishment through:

- A district-wide announcement
- Coverage in this issue of the Leo Liona
- Formal in-person recognition at the District Convention in Hilo

When one club shines, the entire district shines.

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As we focus on raising the next leader, this is also a friendly reminder that all clubs must submit their 2026–2027 Officer Slate to Lions Clubs International by April 15th. Leadership succession is part of building long-term stability. When we prepare our next leaders intentionally, we strengthen not only next year’s club, but the future of District 50.

This March, let’s make Membership Madness about strengthening our clubs. If we focus on the health of our foundation, growth will follow — not because we pushed it, but because we earned it.

Everything begins with the club.

Let’s lead with H.E.A.R.T.

In service,
 Bruddah Sean
 District Governor
 District 50 Hawai’i Lions

CALL FOR ACTION

March Membership Madness Action Box

Lead with H.E.A.R.T.

This March, every club can take five simple steps:

H – Have a Plan

Confirm your club has a 12-month calendar in place.

E – Engage in Visible Service

Schedule (or complete) one public, visible service project this month.

A – Ask the Members

Check in with your members. How are they feeling? What do they need?

R – Raise the Next Leader

Identify and begin mentoring your next club president.

T – Tell the Story

Post your service. Display a QR code. Make joining simple and visible.

March Challenge:

- Before March ends, invite at least one guest to attend a visible service project — not just a meeting.
- Strong clubs create proud members.
- Proud members grow Lions organically.

Important Reminder! Officer Slate Deadline

As we focus on **R – Raise the Next Leader**, this is a friendly reminder that all clubs must submit their 2026–2027 Officer Slate to Lions Clubs International by April 15th.

- ✓ Identify your next president early
- ✓ Confirm your leadership team
- ✓ Submit through MyLCI before the deadline

Leadership succession is more than a requirement — it is part of building strong, stable clubs. When we prepare our next leaders intentionally, we ensure continuity, clarity, and confidence for the year ahead.

Let’s finish strong this Lions year and set up the next one for success.



District 50 Angel
Thank You for Your Service!



We Will
Miss You!

Eleanor Rolark Ewa Beach L.C.
Service Date : March 17, 2026 ,
Visitation: 9:00am, Service: 10:00am
Hawaiian Memorial Park, Kaneohe



Lion Eleanor Rolark

A proud graduate of Radford High School, Eleanor Rolark “Auntie Ellie” dedicated 33 years of distinguished service to Kaiser Permanente. Outside of her professional life, she was an avid golfer who found great joy and friendship on the greens.



Though she retired from her career at Kaiser, her passion for connecting with others never waned. In 2012, she joined the Ewa Beach Lions Club, beginning a new chapter of heartfelt community service. Eleanor’s leadership was instrumental in the community; she was one of four founding members of the Ewa Beach Lions Club Foundation and served faithfully as its Secretary from its inception until 2025.

Her tireless devotion was recently honored by the State of Hawai’i Senate, recognizing her profound impact on the Ewa Beach community. Eleanor passed away on January 12, 2026. She leaves behind a legacy of integrity, service, and a life lived truly for others. She will be remembered as a woman of character who balanced a drive for excellence with a deep heart for her community.

Submitted with love & aloha by the Ewa Beach Lions Club



DISTRICT 50 HAWAII LIONS

2026 LIONS CONVENTION

Thu April 23 - Sat April 25
Hilo, Hawaii

**FULL REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED!
MAHALO TO ALL THOSE WHO REGISTERED.
LIMITED EVENTS ARE STILL OPEN**

FRIENDSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd 9:00 a.m.
Hilo Municipal Golf Course

\$55 Entry Fee
\$10 Optional Jackpot Entry Fee

Mail registration form & payment to
Lion Diane Kent
1244 Komohana St
Hilo, HI 96720

by Friday, April 3, 2026

Golf Registration Form:
[Convention Website](#)

HLF FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th 7:30 a.m.
Hilo Hawaiian Hotel

Special Guest Speaker
PIP Brian Sheehan

We will be honoring our inaugural
HLF Hall of Fame inductees &
HLF Fellows

\$20 per person

Seating is limited.
Registration form:
[HLF Breakfast](#)

BOOK YOUR STAY

Special group
rates at the
Hilo Hawaiian
Hotel until
mid-March

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



**Lions International Kindness Matters Service Award Winner
2024-2025**

HAWAII KAI LIONS CLUB



Rescue Tube Service Project

This prestigious award is given annually to a handful of Lions and Leo clubs for performing an outstanding service project in any of our global causes.

See their winning project featured on the [Lions International website](#).
Read about their project in this issue.

A Message From SVDG Lion Tony Tassillio

Aloha D50 PID, DG, FVDG, Cabinet, PDGs, Lions & CIS,

Mahalo for your wonderful support at our Winter Forum and 3rd Cabinet Meeting at KMC. I appreciate and thank those who traveled to the Big Island of Hawaii to be with us. Mahalo nui loa! As we come to our year-end, please remember to *Just Ask*. Also, don't forget to thank your fellow Lions for all they do. Again, thank you for all that you do in D50 — for everyone in our communities who we serve.

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



Lions Service: WE SERVE!

- 1/31 50+ new eyeglasses donation to Lion Chris Chow

- 2/05 Washcloth donation for the homeless

- 2/07 Lion George Ito — 2nd Speaker D50 Resolution

- 2/07 Final fundraiser meeting

- 2/14 Feeding Kealakehe High School Seniors

- 2/19 2027/2028 Convention Meeting

- 2/23 D50 Best Practices Meeting

- 2/26 Hot meal feeding



Health & Wellness Seminar
 Sunday, March 22nd 6:30 p.m.
BRAIN BASICS & STROKES

Presenter:
Lion Dr. James Yamashita

Best Practices
 with PDG Cecelia Izuo
 Monday, March 23rd 6:30 p.m.
“LCIF Stories of Pride”
Presenters:
PDG Gary Nip
IPDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita



2026 Young Lion Scholarship

Building & promoting leaders under 40

PDG Gary & CIS Joyce Nip
proudly announce the
2026 Young Lion Scholarship recipients:

jenny white

CHINATOWN LIONS CLUB
President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President



michelle tam

KONA HEALTHY LEO LIONS CLUB
3rd Vice President
Secretary
Membership & Service Chair
LCIF Coordinator



chris chow

WAIKIKI 2000 LIONS CLUB
2nd Vice President
Marketing
Tail Twister
Leo Liaison
D50 Cultural & Community Affairs Chair
D50 Diabetes Chair
D50 Global Service Team Coordinator

This scholarship partially funds attendance to: D50 Convention or Lions International Convention or USA/Canada Forum or other event subject to committee approval

Service, Fun & A Little Dancing

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



Lion Chasty Lopes Hilo Crescent City Lions Club Secretary

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

Although I have no one individual who is the biggest influencer in my Lion journey thus far, I am grateful to and for all the Lions and CIS that I've met who have taught me and are guiding me through the years.

Which event do you look forward to and why?

One Lion event I look forward to is our Hilo Light Parade. I have been a committee member since the beginning, when the Lions first took the parade as a service project back in 2022. At that time, I was still an Alpha Leo. I have taken on different roles since the beginning. Some of my roles throughout the years have been Donation Jars, Lions Candy Float, Banners, and Parade Registration. I look forward to continuing as a committee member for the Parade and learning more roles of the parade.

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

Although it wasn't funny at the time, it makes for a good learning experience. Back in 2022, during the first Hilo Christmas Parade, while preparing everything for the event, we found out that the banners had no lights. After that year, we learned to always make sure that the banners have lights on them so they can be visible at night during the parade.

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

One piece of advice would be: if an event, meeting, or project sounds fun or easy, or if you know you can help out, just go do it! You never know, you might find that new project/event to be fun.

Lion Chas began her service journey as a Leo in 2021. She has been a Charter Member of both the Alpha Leo Club of Hilo Crescent City and the Hawai'i Young Visionaries Omega Leo Club. During her time as a Leo, she served as President, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Alpha Leo Club, and as 2nd Vice President and Secretary of the Hawai'i Young Visionaries Omega Leo Club. Lion Chas attended the 2025 Emerging Lions Leadership Institute and now continues her leadership as Secretary of her Lions club.

Cabinet Sergeant at Arms Lion Charles Ortiz West Kauai Lions Club

Lion Charles, what is your favorite service project—and why?

I enjoy all our projects that involve engaging with kids—especially school vision and hearing screenings—but my favorite is our Annual Easter Egg Hunt at Kekaha Park, held every Easter Sunday. I love welcoming families and organizing the hunts by age group. The behind-the-scenes work is just as fun: we cook and dye hundreds of eggs and also stuff hundreds of plastic eggs.



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What advice would you give to Lions considering leadership roles?

Don't be afraid—stepping up is how you learn and grow! Leadership isn't about the title; it's about serving people and working as a team. Your fellow Lions will support you every step of the way. Mistakes will happen, and that's okay—they're opportunities to improve and become a stronger leader. "No fear, just go!"

What is your dream service project (if budget and time were no object)?

I grew up in Hanapepe, a town once known for beautiful bougainvillea covering all of the mountainsides. Over the years, invasive haole koa trees have taken over and changed the landscape. My dream project would be a large-scale effort to remove the haole koa and restore the beautiful bougainvillea.

What is the funniest thing that has happened at a Lions event?

It always comes down to dancing! At a D50 Convention a few years ago, a group of us stayed in the room after Fun Night ended. Someone played "Dancing Queen," and we launched into a full routine (I had once danced to it on a table at a Valentine's party—that's another story!). We danced nonstop for over an hour. I knew someone was videoing, but I had no idea Lion Kobey would play the video the next day during a General Session break—everyone got a big laugh! I also had a blast dancing with DG Bruddah Sean at the **Kauai Lions Club's** Boogie Wonderland fundraiser—he wore a wild colorful wig, and despite my bad knee and hip, we kept the crowd dancing all night. Another unforgettable memory was dancing at KMC in 2012; Lion Irwin later sent me the video, and it still makes me laugh today. These moments of pure fun and fellowship are what make Lions events so special.

Lion Charles has proudly and joyfully served as a Lion for the past 22 years.



March Membership Madness!
D50 Hawaii Lions

Opening Balance:	1,480
Added Members:	112
Dropped Members:	129
Net	-17
Current Balance:	1,463

Down 17 in the 3rd Quarter
 As of March 1st, 2026

"THE COMEBACK STARTS NOW."

Found at KMC!

An earring was discovered in the Ohia Room during the KMC Winter Forum.

If it belongs to you, please contact Diane Kent.



ALOHA POWER IN ACTION 'Ohana of Service Heroes



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



With President Gia of the **Honolulu Healthy Leo Lions Club** at the Honolulu Chinatown Parade.



Mililani Lions selling Benefit Breakfast tickets in front of Times Supermarket – Mililani!



With D50 Photographers at the **Kapa-Moi Lions** Charter / Region IV - Zone Social.



The last breakfast of the Winter Forum at KMC. See all the photos and videos on our [Hawaii Lions Facebook page](#).



21 new Leos inducted at Leilehua High School after a 10 year gap! Huge mahalo to **Wahiawa Lions** for reigniting the Leo spirit!



Aloha District 50 Lions,

Lions of District 50, we have another opportunity to help raise Diabetes Awareness — one of the International Lions Club Global Causes.

Walking Together to End Diabetes!
STEP OUT WALK: HAWAII
KAPIOLANI PARK
MARCH 21, 2026 8:00 A.M.

We've formed a team to work together on an exciting journey we are passionate about - walking and raising funds for the American Diabetes Association (ADA). We know that diabetes hurts too many people and too many families and we are happy to help the ADA fight back with research, education, and advocacy.

Step Out® Walk is the premier walking fundraising event of the ADA that creates a sense of unity and shared purpose in the fight to end diabetes. The event increases awareness, connects communities, contributes to diabetes prevention and management, and supports the ADA's vision of a life free of diabetes and all its burdens.

We would appreciate your support in reaching our team fundraising goal. Every dollar you donate will go directly towards funding critical research, diabetes prevention programs, and community outreach initiatives. Your contribution, no matter the size, will profoundly impact the lives of millions affected by diabetes.

We are excited about the opportunity to make a difference!

Please register for the D50 Team [here](#)
District 50 Lions! Let's be the largest team out there!
We will meet at the Bandstand at Kapiolani Park
at 7:30 a.m. on March 21, 2026.
For those who cannot join us at the Park,
you can still register and do the walk virtually!

Mahalo,
Lion Eileen Peyton, Diabetes Awareness Committee Chairman



Register for the Lion Portal

PDG Eric Nordmeier
D50 District Administrator

pdgericd50@gmail.com
(808) 651-9166

REGISTER FOR THE LION PORTAL

A 9-Step Process



- 1 Go to www.lionsclubs.org
- 2 Select **LION PORTAL** from the top menu options
- 3 On the Lion Portal login page, select **DON'T HAVE AN ACCOUNT?**
- 4 Enter your First Name, Last Name and Email
 - If you are not sure how your data is stored in our system, contact an officer in your club to get the exact name and email address as shown in your record
- 5 Click **SIGN UP**
 - An email will be sent with a verification code
- 6 Enter the Verification Code that was emailed to you from Lions International
- 7 Click **VERIFY**
- 8 Enter a password
 - Your password should contain 8 characters, 1 letter & 1 number
- 9 Click **CHANGE PASSWORD**

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Still not able to access your Lion Portal account?**Where to go for help or if you have a question?**

PDG Eric Nordmeier

Member Service Center: +1 630-468-6900 or lionssupport@lionsclubs.org

IS THE LION PORTAL MOBILE FRIENDLY?

Yes! You can use your desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone to access the Lion Portal. Functionality is the same across all devices. The portal will simply adjust to fit the size of the device.

IS THE LION PORTAL SECURE? IS MY DATA SAFE?

Yes, the new system is built on Salesforce, which offers Salesforce Shield – an extremely powerful and secure suite of data privacy and encryption tools.

WHERE CAN I FIND TRAINING MATERIALS?

Training videos can be found on our [YouTube channel](#), and [PDF Quick Guides](#) can be found in our resources.

WHY IS A UNIQUE EMAIL (NOT SHARED BY ANOTHER MEMBER) REQUIRED TO LOG IN?

While accessing the Lion Portal, we must comply with data privacy regulations. That means only authorized individuals (that is one unique person) can have access to the data they are authorized to see. A unique email is an individual identifier for members and a reliable method of contact. Additionally, some Lions don't have mobile phones. Email addresses are free and convenient.

DOES EVERYONE IN MY CLUB NEED A UNIQUE EMAIL ADDRESS?

All Lions and Leos who plan to use the new Lion Portal must have a unique email address (not shared with any other member) in their member record. This is because your email address will serve as your username to access the portal. While we recommend every member having a unique email address, even if they do not plan to use the Lion Portal, it is not required to have one on file to be a member.



Leadership Development: Investing in our Future

PDG Eric Nordmeier
Global Leadership Team Chairperson

Effective leadership is essential to our day-to-day success as Lions. There are many ways to develop strong leadership skills. Up for debate is whether leadership is an inherent trait, one thing is certain: leadership can be learned, strengthened, and refined.

By the time many of us become Lions, we already bring valuable life experience. Leadership training provides an opportunity to sharpen those skills, grow in confidence, and better serve our communities.

Lions Clubs International offers many leadership training opportunities. Recently, our District was approved for a training grant to host a Regional Lions Leadership Institute over Presidents' Day weekend. We were not able to muster the 20 minimum participants needed to hold the Institute. The reasons varied as to why there were not enough participants.

We are planning to offer the Institute again in January 2027, and we encourage both Lions and Leos to consider applying. Your participation is key to making this valuable program a reality.

Besides formal training opportunities there are free online training courses in the Lion Portal under the LEARN section. All Lions and Leos need to review these training opportunities available. Select as many courses as possible to build a strong foundation for effective leadership as a Lion or Leo.

We want to support you on your leadership journey. Please share how we can help – whether through training, mentorship, or resources. Information about available programs is regularly shared via email, Cabinet reports, and the *Leo Liona* newsletter.

As a reminder, club officer elections for the 2026–2027 Lions year are approaching. Newly elected officers must be reported through the Lion Portal no later than April 15, 2026.

Together, we can build strong leaders and even stronger clubs.

Your Club – Your Way

IS YOUR CLUB READY FOR ELECTIONS?

The Nominations Committee of the East Kauai Lions Club met at McDonald's to finalize their slate of officers and discuss the future direction of their club.



**Lions Clubs International
FOUNDATION**

Lion Gary Nip & Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita

District and Club Community Impact Grant (DCG) Program allows clubs and districts who donate to LCIF (\$5,000 + per fiscal year for clubs and \$10,000 + per fiscal year for districts) to apply for a grant equal to 15% of their total contribution (excluding disaster donations) in that year.

New this year and just unveiled at this Spring LCIF District Coordinators training are the new DCG Eligibility updates.

DCG Eligibility

Club giving (per fiscal year)

- US\$5,000 – \$9,999.99: Eligible for a 15% return
- US\$10,000 – \$19,999.99: Eligible for a 20% return
- US\$20,000 and above: Eligible for a 30% return

District giving (per fiscal year)

- US\$10,000 – \$19,999.99: Eligible for a 15% return
- US\$20,000 – \$29,999.99: Eligible for a 20% return
- US\$30,000 and above: Eligible for a 30% return



For grants over \$20,000, cost estimates will be required with the application and receipts will be required for the final reports.

The new minimum DCG grant amount is US\$500.00.

PLEASE DONATE ANY AMOUNT 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

MAHALO

Mahalo to the many Lions who made donations to HLF during the Winter Forum at KMC.

HAWAII LIONS HALL OF FAME

Congratulations to the nominees for the Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame. The Committee will be meeting soon and the first class of awardees will be named before the D50 90th Convention.

HLF POST CONVENTION SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

On Sunday, of the D50 Convention weekend, HLF and San Diego Eye Bank are sponsoring a Fellowship Breakfast in the Hilo Hawaiian Ballroom. Sign up by clicking [HERE](#). Begin your morning with coffee at 7:30 AM. The official program will begin at 8:00 AM with special guest speaker PIP Brian Sheehan, recognition of the HLF Fellows, and winding up with the recognition of the initial class of the Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame.

GRANTS-IN-AID

Congratulations to the Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club. An application was submitted by Michelle Tam requesting funding for an Earth Day event focusing on diabetes awareness, hunger, and environment.

The event will be carried out with the leadership of the Konawaena Leos, the Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club and the Kona Lions. The event will be co-funded by HLF, Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club and the Kona Lions.

3RD ANNUAL HLF GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER

You are invited to participate in this year's Golf Classic Fundraiser at the Prince Golf Course in Ewa. We challenge all D50 Lions clubs to sponsor one 3-man team. The winning Lions Club team will be added to the perpetual trophy which the club will be able to display for the year. Last year's winner was the team from the Mililani Lions. There will be lots of great prizes and a silent auction. If you are not a golfer, there are other ways to participate. Click [HERE](#) for more information on how you can participate.

March 2026
 HLF President Lion Berta Jenkins
hawaiilionsfoundation.org

MAKE YOUR DONATION

Online: hawaiilionsfoundation.org
 Check: Payable to Hawaii Lions Foundation
 Mailed to: 405 N. Kuakini St., Suite 801, Honolulu, HI 96817

[DONATE HERE](#)



Moving District 50 Forward Committee at the 2026 Winter Forum at KMC

Written by Lions Bixby Ho and Kalae Kukahiko, MDFF Ohanahood Ad-Hoc Committee



It was a chilly weekend at Kilauea Military Camp for this year’s Winter Forum, however the discussion that the Moving District 50 Forward (MDFF) Committee members put together definitely warmed up the audience just right.

On Friday night of the forum, five of our amazing committee members shared five amazing themes and definitely helped engage the Lions and CIS who attended this year’s forum.



We summed it up on Saturday night with a friendly quiz for the audience and handed out *Good News* and *100 Grand* candy bars, plus a Chinese Li Hing Mui success kit to help us *suck seed* (succeed) and not to just let things suck.

Lion Kalae Kukahiko worded it best when he said, “What a fun and relaxing weekend it was at KMC. The ambience, cool still weather, fabulous presentations, and follow-up session made the event very enjoyable. The food, camaraderie, and bonding with our fellow Lions made it even better.”



This link is what you missed if you weren’t at KMC, thanks to Lion Irwin “Jack” Santos for the [video](#).

Ohanahood is the bedrock of why our committee is so great. We all come from different backgrounds, but at the end of the day we are all one great big ohana.

Many more highlights are available on the [Hawaii Lions Facebook page](#).



Mission: To help the Lions of District 50 embrace the principles of Lionism as contained in the Lions Code of Ethics, to carry out the objectives of the International Association of Lions Clubs, and do it local style -- with ALOHA.



Service Done? Make it Official in the Lions Portal!

Lion Chris Chow
D50 Global Service Team Coordinator

chrischow@hawaiilions.org

Aloha Lions!

This is your friendly reminder to please document your service projects into the Lions Portal! Projects completed this Lions year must be documented into the portal by July 31, 2026.

Service Activities Reporting

Reporting our service helps us highlight our global achievements and provides even more value for your club, including:

- Celebrating the impact your club is making
- Inspiring potential new members to add to your impact
- Tracks progression of current and new projects

And that's not all! Clubs that report service become eligible for awards and recognition, including the Kindness Matters Service Award and the Excellence Awards.

How and When to Report Service

We recommend reporting a service activity in the Lion Portal as soon as possible after you complete your service. The Lion Year ends on June 30, but reports can continue to be entered for that year until July 31. All reports that are performed during the current fiscal year must be reported prior to July 31.

For a breakdown of information needed to document a project into the Lions Portal, please reference the "Service Activity Information" available via the Lions Member Resource Center online: [Service Activity Information](#)

Any club member can enter a service activity to the Lions Portal. The following district / club positions can submit the service activity to LCI. Please see below for an updated list of the club officer positions that can submit to LCI.

Who can submit club service projects to LCI in the Lions Portal:

Lions club president
Lions club secretary
Lions club service chairperson
District global service team (GST) coordinator
District / club administrator
District / club information technology chairperson
District / club protocol chairperson
Guiding Lions (for sponsored club)

Sincerely,
Lion Chris Chow
District 50 Hawaii GST Coordinator
Email: chrischow@hawaiilions.org



Caught on Camera!

Submitted by D50 Photographers (Lions Pam Young, Glenn Teraoka & Ric Ching)

Visit the [Hawaii Lions Facebook page](#) to view the entire gallery of photos and videos.



50th Anniversary Chinatown Festival Lunar New Year Parade with the **Honolulu Chinatown Lions & Roosevelt High School Leos**



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Manoa Lions Club 75th Charter Celebration at Natsunoya Tea House



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Kapa Moi Lions Club 69th Charter at St. Louis Alumni Clubhouse



Together Across the Islands – Service & Aloha



Over 700 posters were judged by a team of dedicated **East Kauai Lions**. Chaired by Sight Chair Lion Pam Jardin, the year-long *Sight Is Beautiful* Poster Contest began with coordination with King Kaumuali'i and Wilcox School principals at the start of the school year. Posters were collected in January for judging. *Submitted by Lion John Ochoco*



On February 23, 2026, the **Palolo Lions Club** was invited to conduct hearing screenings for 106 students (Pre-K through 5th grade) at the Palolo Elementary School Library.

Mahalo to Lion Gavin Hall, IPDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita and all the dedicated volunteers pictured for making this important project a success.

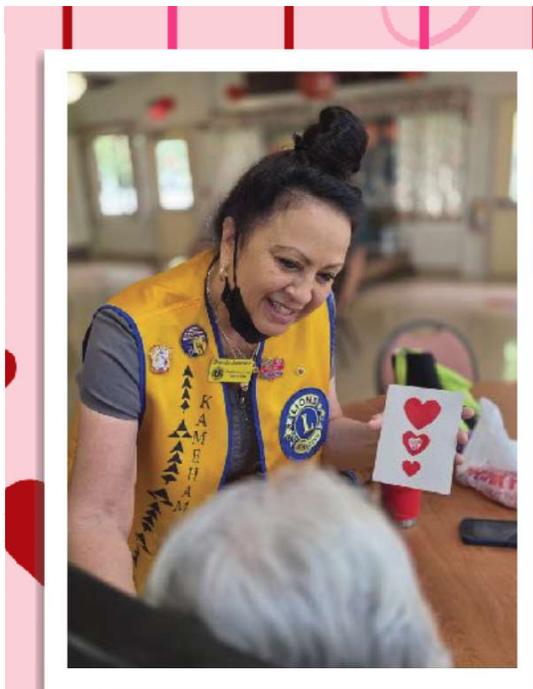
Submitted by Lion Beverly Mau

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The **Kahului Lions Club** held its monthly meeting featuring guest speaker Jayanti Nand of Nature Works Nursery and the Tūtū & Me Traveling Preschool, a program of Partners in Development Foundation funded through the U.S. DOE Native Hawaiian Education Act. The program provides early childhood education services to keiki and families across Maui, O’ahu, Hawai’i Island, Kaua’i, and Moloka’i.

Submitted by ZC Paul Seto



Valentine's Mahalo To Kamehameha Lions Club

Submitted by Palolo Chinese Home
Photo by Lion Brenda Johnson

Love is truly in the air...a heartfelt Mahalo to the **Kamehameha Lions Club** for spending time with our residents and sharing warm wishes, smiles, and thoughtful gestures. Moments like these remind us how special it is to be surrounded by a caring community that shows up with Aloha.

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

LCI Kindness Matters Service Award for 2024-2025

Submitted by Lion Yolisa Ishibashi

Every year, the Lions Club International (LCI) awards 30 clubs worldwide for their Kindness Matters Service Award. This award is given to clubs who perform service activities which address at least one of the LCI global causes, demonstrates creativity and innovation, achieves impact and long-term sustainability, and elevates the Lions brand.

Last year, the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** submitted a nomination form for their Rescue Tube Project, which was spearheaded by Lion Eric Kvick back in 2015. This project was to install rescue tubes on the eastern shorelines of Oahu, to provide a flotation device to swimmers in distress, while waiting for emergency personnel to arrive. Since installation, over a dozen lives have been saved using these rescue tubes. This is still an ongoing project, since the club wishes to see it expand island-wide to help other communities keep their residents and visitors safe from potential drowning.

With submitting the nomination form last year, the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** was recently notified that they were one of the 30 clubs who won the prestigious Kindness Matters Service Award for their Rescue Tube Project. Congratulations!



Installing a tube – with the **Hawaii Kai Lions**, Waikiki Rotary, and C&C lifeguards
(Date & photographer unknown)



A group photo with Honolulu Mayor Blangiardi.

Taken at Sandy Beach following the January 10, 2024 press conference announcing the Memorandum of Understanding between the City & County of Honolulu and **Lions Clubs** to install and maintain 20 rescue tubes along Oahu’s eastern shorelines.
(Photographer unknown)

Akaka Falls Lions Club

A Month in Pictures: Service, Smiles & Impact

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro

Winter Forum Fun at KMC



Lion Roxanne presented a homemade quilt of nostalgic rice bags to KMC speaker Duane Kurisu who grew up in Hakalau on the Big Island.



Trying pickleball for the first time.



Mahalo to **Kona Lion** Don Sasaki and his dedicated crew working behind the scenes at KMC to prepare our delicious Saturday meals.

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Our Zone Hearing Screening project at Honoka'a & Pa'auilo Elementary is complete —under our fearless leader PDG Shannon!

Akaka Falls Lions Club members volunteered at the two-day Pana'ewa Stampede Rodeo — greeting guests, handing out programs, and collecting tickets.



Pictured L-R: Diane Kent, Glen Matsuda, Rendell Hirano, Norma Matsumoto, Lee Morris, PDG Chris Morris, Sue Sorbets, and Winston Watarai.

At the KMC Winter Forum golf outing, eight Lions enjoyed a gorgeous day on the course. Golfers were treated to a delicious bento, snacks, and water.

Congratulations to Lion Sue Sorbets (**Waikoloa Lions Club**), who took 1st Place with an impressive net score of 68!

Submitted by Lion Diane Kent

Region VII Highlights: Making a Difference Together

Submitted by Zone Chair Wayne Kuwaye

The final screening at Hilo Union School marked the end of a successful year of service. Lions from all **Region 7 Zone 1** clubs — known as the “A-Team” — screened more than 1,700 keiki (preschool–2nd grade) across a wide area from Nā‘ālehu to Honoka‘a, while building new partnerships, including with the **Hāmākua Lions Club**.

This vital program, inspired by PDG Shannon Ching’s vision, highlights the importance of early detection for lifelong success. Thanks to dedicated volunteers and many behind-the-scenes hours preparing equipment and data, the screenings ran smoothly and made a meaningful impact on Hawai‘i Island families.

As PDG Shannon says, the “A-Team” truly lives up to its name: **Amazing, Able, Adaptable, Altruistic, Amiable—and AWESOME.**

Submitted by Lion Karen Nogami



On a rainy Valentine’s Day, Lions and Leos delivered 14 meals to eight visually impaired residents across East Hawai‘i, sharing warm meals, roses, chocolates, and handmade tactile Valentine cards.

Mahalo to the dedicated volunteers who traveled from Hilo to Puna and beyond to brighten the day with personal visits and heartfelt wishes. The recipients were deeply touched by the kindness, especially the roses and cards, and expressed great appreciation for the meals and companionship.



Special thanks to our Leo Clubs for creating the tactile cards and joining the deliveries, adding extra joy to each stop.

Despite the weather, the project was a meaningful success, reminding us how small acts of service can make a big difference.

Submitted by Lions Sheri Tajon & Sharon Sakoda, Visually Impaired Service Project Co-Chairs

Hawaii Kai Lions Club & Kaiser High School Leo Club

Eyeglass Recycling Project — A Clear Success!

Submitted by Lion Ellsworth Fujii

Sixteen **Hawaii Kai Lions**, six **Kaiser High School Leos** (including advisor Oliver Constable), and two CIS volunteers gathered at Lunalilo Senior Center for the club's annual eyeglass recycling project. In just three hours, the team sorted, cleaned, and packed 3,911 pairs of glasses — over 1,000 more than last year (3,217 prescription, 220 prescription sunglasses, 474 non-prescription sunglasses).

Leos screened for reusable eyewear while Lions cleaned, sorted, and boxed donations. Non-prescription sunglasses will be distributed to foreign fishermen at sea for months at a time. Participants also debuted the **Kaiser Leos'** new club t-shirts designed by Leo Reina Kang.

After the work was done, volunteers enjoyed pizza, dessert, and fellowship. Mahalo to those who collect and store eyeglasses year-round, to the businesses who host collection boxes, and to everyone who made this impactful service project possible.

A total of 21 boxes of recycled eyeglasses were delivered to DHX the following Monday.



Palolo Lions Club

Palolo Chinese Home's Lunar New Year Celebration

Submitted by Lion Beverly Mau

Palolo Lions Club wishes everyone a joyful “Kung Hei Fat Choy” in the Year of the Horse! Despite the wet and rainy weather on February 21, 2026, our club was honored to participate in the Palolo Chinese Home’s Lunar New Year Celebration.

Mahalo to CEO Darlene Nakayama; shuttle driver Dale Nakayama; State Representative Jackson Sayama; Justin Lee; Janet Fujii for her Tai Chi presentation; Dorothy Mau and the PCH Women’s Auxiliary for the bazaar sales; Blossom and Beverly Mau for their beautiful hula performances to *The Prayer*, *Pua Mana*, and *Kealoha*; and Jaci Yokogawa and Lyle Apo for coordinating parking.





March 7, 2026

The Village Course at Waikoloa

\$ 175 Per player registration,
2-person scramble.

🏌️ Closest to Pin- How
accurate are you?

🏌️ HOLE IN ONE Contest: Take
your best shot for a chance to win
big!

• Silent Auction * Lunch
at Johnny's

🏌️ Putting Challenge: Test your
precision in our Putting Challenge
Contest—steady hands and nerves
of steel required!

* Longest Drive: Show off your
power on the course! Separate
categories for men and women.



REGISTRATION

7:00 AM

SHOTGUN START

8:00 AM



Register: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/waikoloa-lions-club-golf-tournament>



Join the American Diabetes Association® along with your friends, family, and colleagues as we walk in support of people living with diabetes. The Step Out® Walk is the moment for corporations, organizations, and individuals to come together and show our community how much we care — and how much we'll do to end diabetes for good.

By joining the Step Out Walk fundraising event, you'll help us increase awareness, provide vital programs, fund lifesaving research, and work toward a cure.

This is where **PASSION** hits the pavement.

March 21
2026

Step Out Walk: Hawaii
Kapi'olani Regional Park
3840 Paki Ave
Honolulu, HI 96815

REGISTER NOW




Join the
Hawaii Lions Team

WHY WE WALK:



WE ARE UNITING A COMMUNITY
for health equity, ensuring everyone has access to affordable care.



WE ARE REMOVING STIGMA
by increasing awareness and fostering compassion.



WE ARE IMPROVING LIVES
by providing resources to help manage, prevent, and cure diabetes.

MAHALO TO OUR SPONSORS:



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Hensel Phelps
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For Questions or to become a Sponsor
Contact Shasta Yamada at 808-201-1304 or syamada@diabetes.org

Chinatown Lions

Charter Night

MARCH 26 | \$50 | AT 5:30PM

Join us at Honolulu Chinatown's annual Charter Night for a night of socialization, amazing raffle, and more!

SEND PAYMENT BY THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH

CHECKS PAYABLE TO: HONOLULU CHINATOWN LIONS CLUB

NO PAYMENT ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR!

HAWAII DIM SUM & SEAFOOD RESTAURANT
111 N KING ST, HONOLULU, HI 96817



Looking for Lions!

Pu'uohonua O Wai'anae is a community of houseless people working to bring everyone home. The houseless of Waianae Boat Harbor raised funds to purchase 20 acres and build tiny homes for people. There are approximately 250 people living there.

There was a deadline of November 2025 to move everyone up to the mauka village AND clean up the boat harbor but they got an extension.

I am looking for volunteers to come out on February 7th and March 28th from 10am to 2pm to help build or clean. This is rough work, bring gloves, covered shoes, a hat, and water!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Pu'uohonua O Waianae needs help!
 Looking for volunteers to help efforts to build tiny homes or clean up the boat harbor as people are moving out of the boat harbor into the village.

February 7th - 10am to 12pm
 March 28th - 10am to 12pm

You may also volunteer directly, every Saturday from 10am to 12pm.

More info, please visit:
www.puuhonuaowaianae.com/

If you'd like to volunteer, please fill out the form at: <https://tinyurl.com/feb7POW>

"Not homeless—a village without a place."

— Twinkle Borge, Pu'uohonua O Wai'anae village leader

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

Reference: <https://www.civilbeat.org/2015/11/this-waianae-homeless-camp-is-not-what-youd-expect/>

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

OAHU LIONS CLUB

JOIN US FOR THE

VIETNAM ★ PARADE WAIKIKI!

Saturday, March 28, 2026

TIME: 5:00 PM

PLACE: KALAKAUA AVE, WAIKIKI

ALL LIONS MEMBERS WELCOME TO MARCH!

HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS & CELEBRATING CULTURE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

Lion Jeff Ching

REMINDER

D50 AWARDS & RECOGNITION APPLICATION DEADLINES

**Apr
01**

Club Bulletin

The Club Bulletin Recognition is often the lifeline of a club and provides critical communication to its members.

Global Causes (8)

The Global Cause Award recognizes the clubs who demonstrate excellence in service around the eight areas of need.

Ohi'a Lehua

The 'Ohi'a Lehua Award, for a non-Lion companion-in-service, recognizes and appreciates the companions who volunteer alongside our Lions.

Stellar Club

The Stellar Club Award recognizes the clubs who demonstrate excellence in the following areas: Club in Good Standing, Service, Contribution, Membership, Leadership Development, Marketing & Communication, Club Development, and Club Assessment.

Lion Yolisa Ishibashi,
Chair

D50 Awards &
Recognition
Committee



Applications:
<https://www.hawaiiions.org/awards-recognition/>



**Kauai Lions Club's
Zone Social &
10th Charter Celebration**

**Kauai Veteran's Center
Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

**4:30pm: DG's Club Chats
6:00pm: Dinner and Program**

Cost: \$35 per person (BYOB)

RSVP by April 1st:



Aloha!

JOIN US FOR OUR

*Pearl City Lions Club
61st Anniversary Charter*



Installation Banquet

**SATURDAY MAY 2
5 PM to 9 PM**

**NATSUNOYA TEA HOUSE
1935 Makanani Drive
Honolulu, HI 96817**

**COST PER PERSON \$75.00
RSVP BY THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026**

**MAKE CHECK TO: PEARL CITY LIONS CLUB MAIL TO:
PEARL CITY LIONS CLUB, PO BOX 48, PEARL CITY,
HAWAII, 96782**

A NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BANQUET

**CONTACT: PEARL CITY LIONS,
TAD TSURUMA**



SCHEDULE

- 9:30 AM** Check in & Bentos
- 11:30 AM** Shotgun Start, 3 man scramble
- 5:00 PM** Dinner & Prizes

REGISTER BY MAY 22, 2026

REGISTER HERE



**4 HOLE-IN-ONE CONTESTS
A CHANCE TO WIN !**

Four Hole-in-One Contest #1
Brand New
2026 Mercedes-Benz
Automobile

Additional prizes to be announced at a later date

Four Hole-in-One Contest #2
A Once in a Lifetime Experience to:
The Super Bowl,
The World Series,
Pebble Beach Golf or
The U.S. Open

Details on Sponsorship Form