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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](#)

Serve Together, Grow Together: The Future of Lions & Leos in Action

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

As we move into April, one message stands at the center of everything we do across District 50 Hawai'i: **Invite the community to serve alongside us.**



Through visible service and open invitation, we create connection, and that is how we grow. March showed us that this is not just an idea; it works.

Leos Leading the Way



At the **Honolulu Chinatown Lions Charter Night**, strong participation from the **Roosevelt Leo Club** demonstrated the power of youth engagement. Club President Jenny White, a

former **Roosevelt Leo** in her early twenties, represents the future of Lions leadership. Her journey shows that when young people are invited to serve, they don't just participate, they lead. This is how we grow: **Invite → Serve → Lead**

Leadership Through Presence

Throughout March, district leadership across District 50 stayed visible and engaged:

- March 8: **Mililani Lions Club** Breakfast at Mililani High School

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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



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 May issue by April 29th to leoliona@hawaiillions.org
Lion Renee Ako, Editor



•March 12:
**Region 4, Zone 2
(Wahiawā–Mililani
Lions) Zone**

Visitation at Mililani
Golf Course

•March 15:
**Wahiawā Lions
Club** Breakfast at

Leilehua High
School Cafeteria

•March 21:
**Region 7 East
Hawai'i Lions**

Legacy Project at
Lili'uokalani
Gardens

•Participation in
the Hawai'i Lions
Foundation Board
Meeting

•Engagement with
the **Hawai'i Cyber**

Lions AI Forum,
highlighting
innovation and
future-focused
leadership

These moments
reflect a strong
commitment to
being present,



supporting clubs, and inviting others into service.

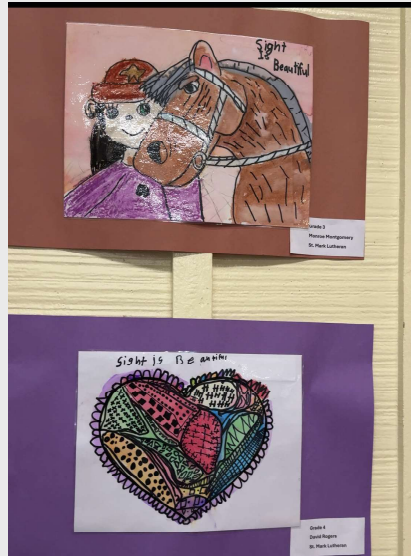
**Service Creates Connection:
Spotlight on Region 3, Zone 1**

One of the most impactful examples of visible service came from **Region 3, Zone 1**, through their annual Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest Banquet. This long-standing tradition continues to make a powerful impact in the Windward O'ahu community:

- Approximately 350 student entries from 10 schools were submitted

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- All posters were displayed at Windward Mall, drawing families and increasing public visibility
- The banquet honored the top 20 finalists (ages 8–12) and their families
- First-place winners will advance to the District 50 Convention in Hilo for final judging



This event is more than a contest; it is a model of how Lions create connection:

- **Families come to support their keiki**
- **The community sees Lions in action**
- **Relationships are built through shared experience**

This is exactly how we grow — through visible, meaningful service that brings the community in.

Maui Visitation: Region 6 in Action

During a recent visitation to **Region 6** on Maui, Lions came together for an impactful eyeglass recycling and cleaning project, preparing over 2,700 eyeglasses for communities in need.

We were honored to have Past International President Al Brandel and Lion Maureen as special guests. During this event, Past International President Brandel inducted two new members into the **Kahului Lions Club**.

These new members were inspired to join through their connection to the club's visible service and active presence in the community, even making donations in support of ongoing efforts to serve the people of Maui.



- **Service creates visibility**
- **Visibility creates connection**
- **Connection leads to growth**

Visible Service Across the Islands

Lions and Leos continued that visibility through multiple events:

- Participation in both the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Parade and Prince Kūhiō Day Parade on the same day across O'ahu



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- On Maui, over 2,700 eyeglasses were cleaned and prepared for communities in need
- When the community sees us serving, they begin to understand who we are. When they are invited to participate, they begin to belong.

Expanding the Invitation: Cyber Clubs

The **Region 9 Cyber Zone** Visitation showed how service and connection can now go beyond physical locations.

With participation from the **Hawai'i Filipino Lions Club** and **Hawai'i Cyber Lions Club**, members connected across islands and the mainland through an engaging virtual experience.



- **Service is no longer limited by location**
- **The invitation is wider than ever**

Serving When It Matters Most

During the Kona low storm impacts, Lions stepped forward to support affected communities across Hawai'i.

When people see us serve in times of need, they want to be part of it.

Visibility Drives Growth

District 50 continues to strengthen its visibility through an active photography team led by Lion Pamela Young. Her dedication, traveling across islands, often at her own expense, helps bring our stories to life and show the community who we are and what we do.



More visibility = more connection = more growth

Keep the Momentum Going

March Membership Madness created strong energy, but it does not end with March.

- **Invite someone to serve with you**
- **Bring someone to a project**
- **Let them experience what we do**

Growth doesn't come from asking people to join. It comes from inviting them to be part of something meaningful.

Our Growth System: Keep It Simple

Invite → Serve → Connect → Grow

- **Invite someone to join you**
- **Serve together in a real project**
- **Connect through that shared experience**
- **Grow naturally as they become part of our 'ohana**

This is how District 50 Hawai'i Lions grows, not by asking people to join, but by inviting them to serve and belong.

Let's keep it simple. Let's keep it visible. Let's keep it going.



Health & Wellness Seminar

Sunday, April 19th 6:30 p.m.

**LABORATORY RESULTS
& WHAT THEY MEAN**

Presenter:

Lion Dr. James Yamashita

**Best Practices
with PDG Cecelia Izuo**

Monday, April 27th 6:30 p.m.

“Orientation”

**Learn about the founders of
Lions International &
District 50 Hawai'i**

District 50 Angels Thank You for Your Service!



Minoru "Mino" Takaesu
Hawaii Kai Lions Club
Service: **PRIVATE**

We Will
Miss You!



Lion Elbert "El" Izon
Kahului Lions Club
Service Date: 04/03/26
Time: 10:30am
Location: Ballard Family Mortuary
440 Ala Makani St. Kahului, Maui



Chong Fook "CF" Leu
Hawaii Kai Lions Club
Service Date: July 20, 2026
Service Time: 10:00 am
Location: Hosoi Garden Mortuary
30 North Kukui St. Honolulu



DISTRICT 50 HAWAII LIONS

2026 LIONS CONVENTION

Thu April 23 – Sat April 25 Hilo, Hawaii

FULL REGISTRATION IS CLOSED!
Limited events are open:

FRIENDSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Register by April 3rd

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

Golf Registration Form:
[Convention Website](#)

HLF FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th 7:30 a.m.

Special Guest Speaker
PIP Brian Sheehan

Honoring our inaugural
HLF Hall of Fame inductees &
HLF Fellows

\$20 per person

Registration form: [HLF Breakfast](#)

If seats are available, you may register at the HLF table by Registration—but don't wait, sign up now to guarantee your spot!

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

Environmental Service Project

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Join us to clean Lili'uokalani Garden

Meet us at 2:15 p.m. in the lobby

Contact: Lion Chris Chow

SERVICE PROJECT

Support the [Hawai'i Diaper Bank](#) at the Convention!

Donate online or in person and help us reach our goal of 5,000 or more diapers to

"Wipe Out Diaper Need."

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

D50 Convention Project



**Environmental
Service Week
April 18-26**

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP



**April 25, 2026
2:15 pm - Meet in Lobby**

Join us to Clean Lili'uokalani Garden

**We will be providing gloves and trashbags to
pick up trash during a tour of
Lili'uokalani Garden.**

**Please bring a hat, sunscreen, water and wear closed
toed shoes. We will be walking 0.2 miles to the park.**

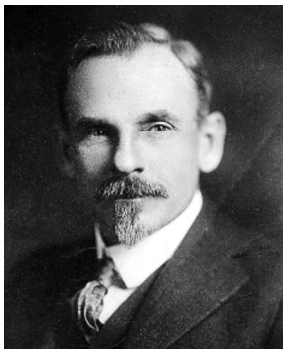
Hawaii Lions Foundation Proudly Announces the Inaugural Class of the District 50 Hawaii LIONS HALL OF FAME

The Lions of Hawaii mark an extraordinary milestone in October of 2026, the centennial charter celebration of our “Mother Club,” the Lions Club of Honolulu. To observe and honor “a Century of Service” in the islands, the Hawaii Lions Foundation is proud to announce its newly established District 50 Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame, and its inaugural class of inductees.

The establishment of the Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame provides the venue and the opportunity to recognize and honor those Lions, who have had a profound and lasting impact on our District since its inception a hundred years ago. It is a lasting tribute to those exceptional Lions who have distinguished themselves through their commitment, dedication and service through their Clubs, the District and Lions Clubs International, to fulfill the mission and the motto of our Association – “WE SERVE.”

Each of these inductees were nominated by their peers and went through a meticulous application and selection process. The nominees who met the required minimum criteria for qualification, were then judged upon their record of service, history, and impact. Candidates that passed the Committee’s review were then recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees. We are honored to present this inaugural class of inductees:

Historical/Posthumous Inductees:



Lion Alexander H. Ford
Lions Club of Honolulu
Apr 3, 1868-Oct 14, 1954



Lion Colbert N. Kurokawa
Lions Club of Honolulu
Oct 6, 1890-Jul 9, 1978



PID Shizuo Onishi
Aiea Lions Club
Aug 1, 1913-Jan 1, 2001



PDG Norman M. Sakata
Lions Club of Kona
Mar 2, 1926-Feb 14, 2023



Lion Glen H. Shigehara
Akaka Falls Lions Club
Oct 1, 1947-Mar 25, 2019



Lion Nolle R. Smith
Lions Club of Honolulu
Mar 26, 1888-Feb 9, 1982



PDG Tokuo Tani
Kahalu'u Lions Club
Mar 4, 1935-Sep 10, 2023



PID Herbert S. Watanabe
Waiakea Lions Club
Feb 1, 1929-Feb 21, 2022



PDG Mervin G.C. Wee
Hawaii Kai Lions Club
Sep 9, 1937-Mar 13, 2022

Contemporary Inductees:



PID Bernard A.K.S. Ho
Lions Club of Honolulu



Lion Wendell C. Hosea
Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club



PID Robert K.Y. Lee
Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club



PDG Gary Y.G. Nip
Koko Head Lions Club
District 50 - 2024



Lion Steven H. Yoshimura
Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club
District 50 - 2023

We honor these Lions whose vision, dedication and service have strengthened the very fabric of our organization, and left a lasting imprint on our District. Their dedication reflects the values we cherish in Hawaii – Aloha (compassion), Kokua (generosity), Laulima (cooperation) and

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Malama (responsibility). We are honored to launch the Hawaii Lions Hall of Fame and to enshrine this inaugural class of inductees into its annals.

The induction will take place during the HLF Breakfast, on Sunday morning, April 26, 2026 at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, during the District 50 Hawaii Convention. The seating is limited, so please sign up today. The cost for the buffet is only \$20, thanks to a generous sponsorship from the San Diego Eye Bank. [HLF Breakfast Registration Form.](#)

Come join us, as we honor our history and these Hall of Fame Lions! And we hope this inspires you to nominate those Lions from your club, who deserve the honor and recognition. Applications will be announced at the beginning of 2026-2027 fiscal year for the next class of inductees, who will be honored at the District convention in April of 2027.



Support the Lions Club of Honolulu's 100-Year Charter Anniversary Celebration!

The Lions Club of Honolulu will celebrate our
100-Year Charter Celebration on
Saturday, October 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Waikiki.

Please support our event by ordering a
100-year anniversary pin (\$5) or T-shirt (\$25)
on our [website](#).

COMMEMORATING 100 YEARS: OFFICIAL LIONS CLUB OF HONOLULU ANNIVERSARY MERCHANDISE



**ITEM 1:
100th ANNIVERSARY
ENAMEL PIN**

A beautifully crafted, premium
metallic and enamel badge, featuring
all original details and text.

PRICE: \$5.00



**ITEM 2:
100th ANNIVERSARY
T-SHIRT**

A white cotton tee with a
high-definition graphic of the
anniversary design. (Sizes S-XL).
Larger sizes and different colors
available for additional charges

PRICE: \$25.00



Save the Date!



2026-2027 OFFICER TRAINING

Regions
7 & 8
BIG ISLAND

**SATURDAY,
MAY 23, 2026**
Location
TBD

Lead with Purpose. Serve with Impact.

Get ready to lead your club forward:

- Learn your role
- Gain practical tools
- Connect with fellow leaders
- Grow your impact

Presenters:

PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita
Lion Jim Yamashita

Region 1
KAUAI

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 6, 2026**
9:30am-12:00pm
Location
TBD

Regions
2-5
OAHU

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 13, 2026**
9:00-11:30am
Location
TBD

Region 6
MAUI

**SATURDAY,
JUNE 20, 2026**
10am - 2pm
Wailuku
Hongwanji

ZONE CHAIR TRAINING

Monday, June 29, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting

Welcome our New Lions!

KAHULUI

Lion Nicole Galicinao



Sponsor:
Lion Paul Seto

Lion Mele Hooper



Sponsor:
Lion Paul Seto

Lion Dr. Joshua Waschak



Sponsor:
Lion William Ruidas

So glad you're part of our Lions 'ohana!
With your passion and commitment, we're creating meaningful impact in our communities and beyond.

D50 Hawai'i Lions
 SERVICE • LEADERSHIP • ALOHA

LCIF
 Disaster Relief

D50 Hawai'i Lions - Membership Totals	
Week ending 03/29/26	
Opening (07/01/25)	1480
Added	119
Current	1463
Net Change	-17

Invite the Community to Serve and Grow with Us!

D50 MISSING SIGNS

We're trying to track down the above signs, which seem to have gone missing since our last State Convention. If you happen to have them or know where they might be, please reach out to Lion Mel Tom.

Mahalo for your kokua!

KMC Winter Forum: A Weekend to Remember

The KMC Winter Forum has come and gone, but the memories and the impact remain. Heartfelt mahalo to our dedicated coordinators for bringing it all together, and to every attendee who showed up ready to learn, serve, and connect. Missed it, or just want to relive the fun? Visit the [Hawai'i Lions Facebook](#) page for all the highlights and photos!

*The KMC Winter Forum started with a simple idea, hold a cabinet meeting somewhere other than O'ahu. With the right venue and a little creativity, it turned into something much more. KMC was the perfect spot, and thanks to the many volunteers from **Regions 7 and 8**, the 3rd Cabinet Meeting made its way to Hawai'i Island and became a full weekend experience. (Kilauea Military Camp is located inside Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park). ~Lion Diane Kent, Co-coordinator*



Lion Diane Kent

Akaka Falls Lions Club & KMC Winter Forum Co-coordinator

Lion Diane, what is one key takeaway from the Winter Forum that you hope Lions carried back to their clubs?

Lions do so much volunteer work, but don't necessarily get to talk about the "feel-good" part of those projects. It's very important to be able to share those triumphs with like-minded Lions from around the state. The Winter Forum is the perfect place to sit down and talk story about what works well for your Club as well as how your Club "fixed" a perceived problem.

When during the weekend did you feel the Lions' spirit the most?

I would have to say during our keynote speaker session. Duane Kurisu should be the poster child for "Plantation camp boy from meager beginnings takes it full circle." Our D50 Lions were moved by his story and would have engaged in Q & A all night, but he had a flight to catch to return to Honolulu.

What's one thing you wish more Lions knew about the Winter Forum?

It's a wonderful escape from the busy-ness of life. Aside from airfare & lodging, you can't beat the \$45 registration fee which includes 3 meals + refreshments.

Most memorable wildlife or nature encounters over the years?

If we're lucky Madame Pele will put on a show for us. This past forum had us crunching on tephra fall-out throughout KMC. It was fun to crunch, but you needed to be careful not to get any of that stuff on your bare skin.

Everyone talks about the food, what was your personal favorite?

The **Kona Lions** always put on such a feast! This year they had opihi with sea asparagus - omg "broke da mouth!"

KMC Winter Forum Rapid Fire!

Sweater or blanket? Sweater - hoodie even better!

Coffee or hot chocolate? Coffee, piping hot!

Workshop or fellowship time? This one is tough, I think 50-50.

Pack light or bring everything? Pack light, but plan to layer your clothes.

Sunrise or sunset? Sunset (I'm not an early riser!)

"I need sleep" or "One more conversation"? Conversation for sure! See prior answer, I can sleep in!

Lion Diane has been proudly serving as a Lion for 21 years.

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Lion Gail Dochin
Waimea Lions Club & KMC Winter Forum Co-coordinator

Lion Gail, what was your “We pulled it off!” moment this year?

The moment that I turned off the lights and locked the doors of the Ohia Room for the last time that weekend!

What’s one thing first-timers should pack, but probably wouldn’t think of?

First timers should go to the KMC site and check out the temperatures and weather report when starting their packing. Majority of the time it is COLD

there.

Is there a tradition (or unwritten one) that’s been carried on over the years?

We try to find motivational speakers for Friday Night's Forum and so far, they have all been great! On Saturday after lunch, we try to have a get-together in the Ohia Room with skits, sharing of experiences, updates, etc. for MDFF (Moving District Fifty Forward).

Everyone talks about the food, what was your personal favorite?

I'm a big breakfast person so fried rice, eggs and spam hits the spot for me.

KMC Winter Forum Rapid Fire!

Sweater or blanket? In the Ohia Room, blanket; otherwise, double sweater, double pants, heavy socks and shoes; top off with winter coat.

Coffee or hot chocolate? HOT coffee.

Workshop or fellowship time? Depends on topic of workshop.

Pack light or bring everything? Bring everything. Better to be prepared than left wanting.

Sunrise or sunset? Sunrise.

“I need sleep” or “one more conversation”? I need sleep, but then it takes a couple of hours to get to bed.

Lion Gail has been a proud Lion for 32 years!



Lion Gavin Hall
Koko Head Lions Club & KMC Winter Forum Attendee

Lion Gavin, when during the weekend did you feel the Lions’ spirit the most?

Cuzin Wayne mentioned missing out on his fundraiser corn from **Koko Head Lions** on Oahu. Luckily, KMC had some built-in breaks this year, and KTA had some in stock. Cuzin Wayne got his corn courtesy of Lions Delivery Service! Nah, seriously, it was probably hearing about all the ways that we can better the community, like the person who received a custom set of "glasses" to be able to see what was in front of them instead of only on the sides, or the people whose lives were saved with Rescue Tubes or the example Duane Kurisu provided by building so many homes in such a short period for people in need.

What’s one thing you wish more Lions knew about the Winter Forum?

The "homemade" meals the local clubs provide are dynamite! Plenty fun, fellowship and Lionism. Scavenger hunt and pickleball if you are so inclined, too!

What’s one thing first-timers should pack, but probably wouldn’t think of?

Hmmm. Your favorite pickleball paddle and shoes!or if you want to be practical: high elevation. Make sure to pack some warm clothes.

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Most memorable wildlife or nature encounters over the years?



Probably the closeup with the wild pigs, but the one I like the best is this pic here: "Nene givin some love". Not as close, but I like the thought. The picture was taken at a distance, zoomed in with a Samsung Note4, I think, while on the way to visit the Volcano Winery.

Funniest or most unexpected moment at KMC this year?

Da "Professor" gave a knockout speech. Way to go, Lion Chris Chow!

KMC Winter Forum Rapid Fire

Sweater or blanket? Blanket, 'cause that means I'm still in bed and can roll up in it!

Coffee or hot chocolate? Definitely hot chocolate. I have a sweet tooth and a weakness for chocolate!

Workshop or fellowship time? Hmm, definite an "it depends." Maybe make me a 40-60 leaning towards fellowship.

Pack light or bring everything? I've always been "Pack light." But my wife living nearby means I get to cheat.

Sunrise or sunset? With who?

"I need sleep" or "One more conversation"?

Ha! I used to go for the conversation. A very good reason to have a room at KMC. Now, I got to stay up for the drive. See ya!

Lion Gavin has been serving as a Lion for 29 years!

CONGRATULATIONS IPDG LORI

PROUD LION AWARDS

The Proud Lion Awards were designed as stepping stones in progression to beoming a well-rounded Lion . Prerequisites are the amount of time serving as a Lion member.

We have the Proud Lion Award for those who has been a Lion for six months or less. It has seven tasks to complete.

Next is the Proud Lions Too for members who have been a Lion for any two years. They have nine tasks to complete.

Lastly we have Proud Lion Elite which requires the completing of twelve tasks in any five consecutive years.

Check it out: www.hawaiilions.org/orientation/#proudlions





APRIL 2026

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 April?

LCI urges you to mark your calendars for **Environmental week set for April 18-26, 2026**. Clubs are encouraged to conduct a project related to taking care of our Environment or Aloha 'Āina during the week of service dates of April 18 – April 26, 2026.

Environment-related Project Ideas

Community Cleanups: Considering hosting a cleanup for your club's local beach, park or public community area. Focus on removing items that are not biodegradable such as microplastics near the shoreline or clearing litter from park grounds.

- Are you attending the upcoming District 50 Convention this coming April? Please consider the upcoming Community Clean Up at Lili'uokalani Gardens that will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026. Please see the event flier found in this April edition of the Leo Liona.

Lo'i Kalo Maintenance: Spend a morning at your local lo'i (taro patch). This is a powerful way to practice Aloha 'Āina by helping with weeding, clearing irrigation channels (auwai), or preparing the soil for planting.

School Garden "Spruce Up": Many schools have existing gardens that just need a little weeding or mulching. A small team of 3–5 Lions can make a huge difference in just one morning without needing to start a project from scratch.

Used Battery/E-Waste Collection: Consider supporting District 50's very own "Going Green" E-waste collection and recycle efforts! Check out the project's event calendar either on the [Hawaii Lions website](#) or [Facebook](#) page for details on upcoming projects.

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How do I document our Environment-related Projects?

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

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 “Environment” dropdown selection under the “Cause” field:

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 Environment Week, projects must take place during April 18–26, 2026 with a 10 day grace period before April 18 and after April 26. 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



Hawaii Lions Foundation

Together We Can Do So Much

HAWAII LIONS FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS (HLFF)

The Hawaii Lions Foundation Fellowships was established in 2021 to honor those Lions who made significant contributions to the creation, establishment, and support of the Hawaii Lions Foundation and the Lions Eye Bank of Hawaii and Makana Foundation. Our honorees: PID Shizuo Onishi, PID Herbert Watanabe, PDG Tokuo Tani and PDG Norman Sakata, through their vision and dedication, all had a significant impact on our Foundation and District, enhancing our ability to better serve the people of Hawaii.

The HLFF is awarded to individuals and corporations who donate a minimum of a \$1,000.00, with progressive fellowships for greater levels of support. The Foundation has designated the following levels for recognition:

- Past International Director Shizuo Onishi Fellowship: \$10,000.00
- Past International Director Herbert Watanabe Fellowship: \$ 5,000.00
- Past District Governor Tokuo Tani Fellowship: \$ 2,500.00
- Past District Governor Norman Sakata Fellowship: \$ 1,000.00

We thank and acknowledge the following Lions, individuals and organizations for their enduring generosity and support since its inception five years ago:

PID Shizuo Onishi Fellows

Lion Linda Ross Myers	Lions Club of Kona
Lion Steven Wong	Manoa Lions Club

PID Herbert Watanabe Fellows

Lion June Ching	Waikiki 2000 Lions Club
PDG Jack Kampfer	Wahiawa Lions Club
Lion Roberta Jenkins	Mililani Lions Club
DG-Elect Cedric Mitsui	Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club
Lion Harvey Ouchi	Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club

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PDG Tokuo Tani Fellows

Lion Lyle Apo	Kamehameha Lions Club
PDG Bernard Ho	Lions Club of Honolulu
PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita	Manoa Lions Club

PDG Norman Sakata Fellows

Lion Greg Ayau	Crescent City Lions Club
Lion Dr. Roger Ede	Hawaii Kai Lions Club
Dr. Kevin Hadley	
PDG Blayne Hanagami	Akaka Falls Lions Club
Lion Naoko Ho	West Kauai Lions Club
Lion Wendell Hosea	Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions Club
PID Robert Lee	Honolulu Chinatown Lions Club
Karen Morimoto	
PDG Kelvin Moniz	East Kauai Lions Club
PDG Chris Morris	Waikoloa Lions Club
Lion Lee Morris	Waikoloa Lions Club
Lion Daniel Motohiro	Pali Lions Club
PDG Gary Nip	Koko Head Lions Club
Lion Tabidrik Reed	Lions Club of Honolulu
Lion Cathy Shea	Lions Club of Kona
Lion Joan Sorbets*	Waikoloa Lions Club
PDG Mitch Tam	Lions Club of Kona
Lion Earl Tsukamoto	Kamehameha Lions Club
Jhamandas Watumull Fund	
Lion Dr. Kerry Yoon	Hawaii Kai Lions Club
Glenn Young	

*deceased

The donations, made either as a single payment or in installments, are cumulative during the individual's membership and tenure. The Fellowship symbolizes the donor's dedication, generosity and commitment to humanitarian service. The HLFF has added significantly to the Foundation's support for the activities and programs of the Lions of Hawaii.

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LIONS SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY

The recent storm has devastated various communities throughout the State. The Hawaii Lions Foundation is accepting donations on our website that will be directed to recovery efforts.

To help:

- Go to the HLF website
- Click on “Donate Now”
- Choose “Hawaii Disaster Relief”
- Click on “Donate Now”.

Your support is much appreciated.

HLF FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST

The first Annual HLF Fellowship Breakfast will be held on Sunday, following the D50 Convention. It will be held at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel at a cost of \$20.00. The Breakfast is co-sponsored by HLF and the San Diego Eye Bank.

Special Guest Speaker will be PIP Brian Sheehan. On the program will be the awarding of the first group of Hall of Fame inductees who will be receiving the Hall of Fame plaque and the Ambassador of Aloha Medal.

Come and celebrate with them!

April 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

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We're ALL Riding the Wave!

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos, Public Relations

Best wishes to the Lions Club of Honolulu, the MOTHER of all Lions in Hawaii District 50. 2026 marks a century of humanitarian service for Lions Clubs in Hawaii! We're reaching out to every club to use this graphic on promotional "anything"; website, Facebook, posters/flyers, etc... We have an opportunity for tremendous publicity exposure from our combined efforts. The campaign will begin right away and will lead into 2027.

[DOWNLOAD THE TRANSPARENT PNG FILE HERE](#)

For assistance and/or questions, please contact me irwinsantos@hawaiilions.org



Ready, Set, Lead! A Quick Guide to Club Officer Transitions

PDG Eric Nordmeier
Global Leadership Team Chairperson

Reminder:

Clubs must enter their incoming officers for the 2026–2027 Lion year by **April 15, 2026**.

Timely reporting helps the District Global Leadership Team Coordinator schedule officer training.

As of March 28, 2026, the following clubs have submitted:

**Hilo Waiakea,
Koolaupoko,
Waikoloa,
Waimea,
West Kauai.**

**SAVE THE DATES!
Officer Training is
coming to each
island —
don't miss it!
More details in this
issue.**

Fellow Lions,

As your club begins the process of electing new officers for the upcoming Lion year, it is important to consider not only the growth of your club's leadership, but also the development of your zone and district. This will give club members the opportunity to lead and to grow within the district.

Upon the completion of your club's elections, please ensure that your new officers are reported in the [Lion Portal](#). When you report your officers, your club will continue to:

- Receive important information, such as updated billing statements.
- Access your club's roster to make updates.
- Allow you to keep your meeting information current.
- Ensure your district and Lions International have accurate records, allowing your club to continue receiving support.
- Display the correct club officer information on the Club Locator for the new Lion year.

It is important to make sure your newly elected officers are well prepared for their terms. Encourage them to visit the [Lions Learning Center \(LLC\)](#) where they can review the club officer learning path and take advantage of other helpful courses. They should also review the [Managing your Club webpage](#). This is a dedicated webpage for club officers and provides helpful resources and tools to manage their club.

We look forward to supporting you and your club throughout this transition. Please contact PDG Eric Nordmeier or clubofficers@lionsclubs.org if you have any questions.

Thank you for your outstanding service!

Sincerely,

District and Club Administration Division



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Lion Gary Nip & Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita

Stop by the LCIF table at the District 50 Convention in Hilo on Thursday, April 23, through Saturday, April 25.

Win prizes. DONATE to LCIF.

In Hilo, PDG Gary will match donations to LCIF up to \$1,000.

At the Keynote lunch Past International President Brian Sheehan will pin Melvin Jones Fellows (MJF) & Progressive Melvin Jones Fellows (PMJF) since the last D50 Convention:

Akaka Falls: Lions Roxanne Aburamen, Jan Asano, Patricia Dunn, PDG Alan Garson, PDG Blayne Hanagami, Kent Inouye, Myron Isherwood Jr., Lynette Kaneshiro, Diane Kent, Robert Lovin, Kirk Minami, Len Shimabukuro, Clyde Yoshida

Waiakea: Lion Melvin Kunimoto

Honolulu: Lion Raynard Chun

Chinatown: Lion Pamela Davis-Lee, PID Robert Lee, FVDG Cedric Mitsui

Hawaii Kai: Lion Ellsworth Fujii

Kamehameha: Lions Lyle Apo, Donna Miyashiro

Kinaole: Lion Alwin Lo

Koko Head: Lions Renee Ako, James Campbell, PDG Gary Nip

Waikiki 2000: PDG Shannon Ching

Leeward Oahu: Lions Gail Kono, Edward Uemori

Kahaluu: Lion Julia Putes

Mana Loa Nimitz: Lion Wendell Hosea

Manoa: PDGs Lori Inouye-Yamashita & Nadine Nishioka, Lions Steven Wong, James Yamashita

Pali: Lion Gary Hiramatsu, PDG Cecelia Izuo

Pearl City: PDG Chris Tamura

Wahiawa: PDG Jack Kampfer

Waikoloa: Lion Lee Morris & PDG Chris Morris

West Kauai: Lion Kay Hill



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](#)

D50 Moments Come to Life!

Submitted by Lion Pam Young, D50 Photographer

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



The **Mililani Lions Club** would like to express its appreciation and gratitude for the support received at its annual breakfast fundraiser on March 8th at Mililani High School!

Because of their meaningful contributions, unwavering commitment, and steadfast support, the **Mililani Lions Club** proudly honored its Companions in Service at Assaggio Mililani on March 11th.



Mahalo to Zone Chair Lion Winston Watarai for coordinating District Governor Sean Benito's visit to **Region II Zone 2** at The Clubhouse Mililani on March 12th. Special thanks as well to the **Wahiawa Lions Club's** newest member, Lilette, for leading the closing song, *Hawai'i Pono'i*.



Mahalo to the **Leilehua High School LEOs** and Adult Friends for Youth for their helping hands at the **Wahiawa Lions Club** Breakfast Fundraiser on March 15th at Leilehua High School!

Together Across the Islands – Service & Aloha



East Kauai Lions Club board members - 100% attendance! Now *this* is dedication and commitment to service!

Submitted by Immediate Past President Lion John Ochoco

Waiakea Lions reviewed 666 entries for the annual Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest that engages Hawaii’s kindergarten through 6th grade students in vision awareness.

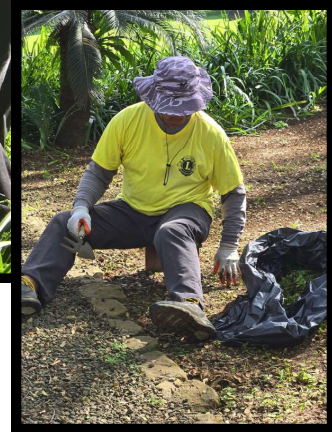
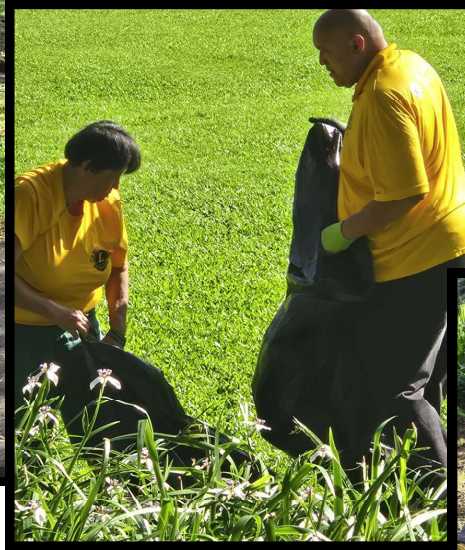
Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai



For the fourth consecutive year, the **Kauai Lions Club** is proud to be sponsoring a Relay For Life team in support of the American Cancer Society. We recently kicked off our fundraising season with Lions Sandie, Heidi, Danette, and Susan participating in the Bum Run—a colon cancer awareness event.

*Submitted by Lion Deb Thompson
President, Kauai Lions Club*

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MARCH LEGACY PROJECT CLEAN UP COLLAGE

Lions from
Akaka Falls,
Crescent City, Hilo
and Waiakea came
down to the Legacy
Project at
Lili'uokalani Park to
clean.



Submitted by Lion Chas Lopes,
Hilo Crescent City Lions Club

Akaka Falls Lions Club In Service & Fellowship

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro



President Terry, Lion John, and “Lion” Kazak proudly pose with our new club banners—looking sharp and ready to serve!



River rock maintenance — Lions Patricia & Clyde in action at our Legacy Zone Project.



Rain or shine, the **Akaka Falls Lions** show up! Our annual Relay for Life garage sale raised over \$800 to kick off this year’s fundraising efforts—what an amazing start!



Good food, great fellowship, and plenty of fun at our annual Companion in Service luncheon! Quilted blankets courtesy of Lion Roxanne were lovingly presented to all CIS in appreciation of their support and service.

Highlights from the Lions of Maui

Submitted by ZC Paul Seto



March 7:
Kahului Lion ZC Paul Seto and Jennifer Karaca joined 10+ nonprofits at Twin Falls for community outreach.

March 2 & 5:
 Vision screenings completed—23 screened at Tu Tu & Me (0 referrals) and 23 at Boys & Girls Club Wailuku (1 referral).
 Mahalo to PDG Mark and President Eloise Mizuno. Kihei and Lahaina are coming next!

- March 19: A full and impactful meeting!
- **Kahului Lions** welcomed guest speaker Nancy Sundger.
 - President Joseph Pontanilla and VP Judith Eagle presented a Certificate of Appreciation.
 - New member Dr. Joshua Waschak was inducted; sponsored by Lion William Ruidas.
 - **Region 6 Maui Lions** presented \$2,500 to Tu Tu & Me Traveling Preschool (supporting Lahaina wildfire-affected families); the donation was accepted by Director Mele Hooper and Administrator Nicole Galicinao.



Aloha Pono Lions Club

Serving Up Aloha – One Bento at a Time

Submitted by Lion Aileen Deese



234 lucky unsheltered neighbors received delicious gourmet meals on March 1st. Chefs Ernesto and Celeste Limcaco, **Aloha Pono Lions Club** members and owners of Prime Roast Cafe, cooked up an incredible menu, delivered with care by **Aloha Pono** members and other community-minded volunteers.

This time, the menu featured prime rib chili over garlic fried rice, topped with ham and pineapple sauce. Each meal also included banana bread, Clif Bar, or tropical fruit trail mix, along with a fresh pear or banana.

Our next project is coming up on March 29, and we plan to once again distribute 200 bentos.



Region 6 High-Impact Eyeglass Service Project

Submitted by ZC Paul Seto

On March 29, 2025, **D50 Region 6** hosted an Eyeglass Cleaning Service Project with District Governor Sean Benito, Past International President Al Brandel, Lion Maureen Brandel, and 19 dedicated Lions, who together cleaned an impressive 2,750 pairs of eyeglasses in just three hours! A powerful example of ordinary people doing amazing things!





**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:

Chinatown Lions Club Presents

EARTH DAY COMMUNITY BEAUTIFICATION

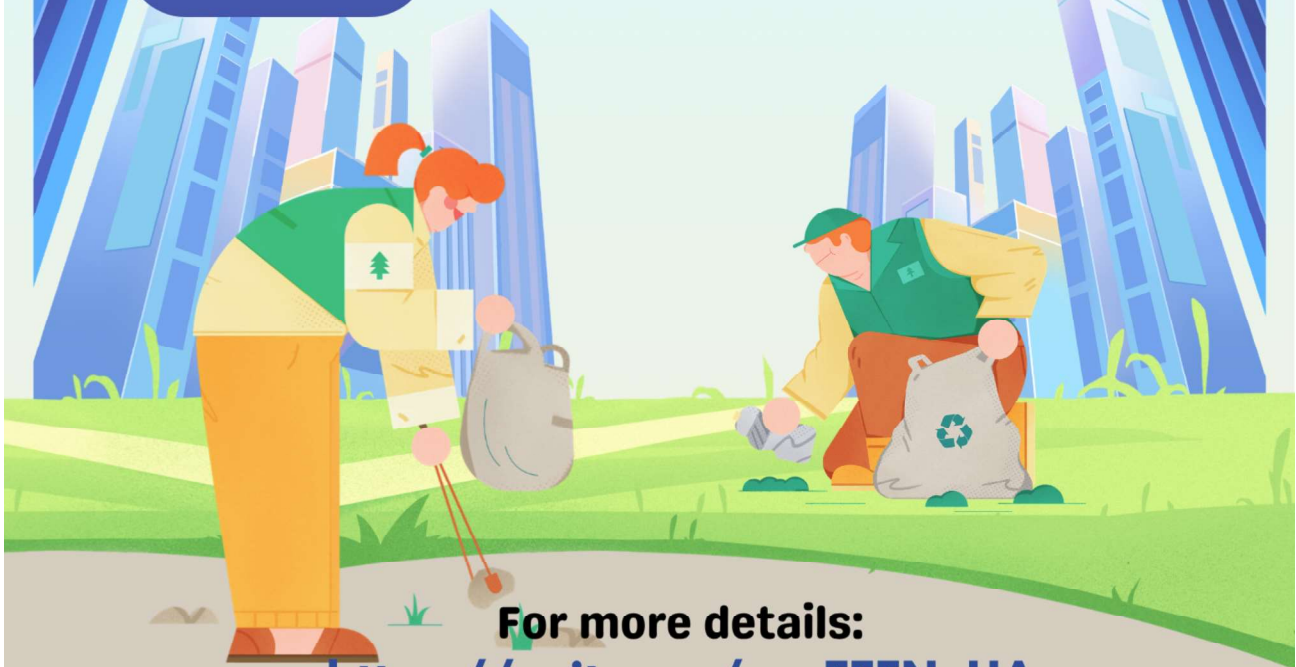
**APRIL
18**

9AM-11AM

Meet at Smith-Beretania
Park

Join us for:

- Sidewalk sweep
- Park cleanups



For more details:

<https://evite.me/vsgFEENvHA>



Aloha!

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*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:
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HAWAII, 96782**

A NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE BANQUET

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



HAWAII PRINCE GOLF CLUB

3RD ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Fundraiser



2026 MERCEDES-BENZ AUTOMOBILE
HOLE IN ONE PRIZE
SEE BELOW

JUNE 05, 2026 (FRIDAY)
11:30 A.M. SHOTGUN START

Cash Prize Shootout
\$25,000

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

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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

East Kauai Lions Club

Charter & Installation Night Luau

KAUA'I VETERANS CENTER

June 18, 2026

Celebrating

88 Years of Service

&

Installing our Club's New Officers

TICKETS \$30 - DOORS OPEN 5PM

RSVP BY 6/5/26

HAWAII KAI LIONS CLUB



FATHER'S DAY

Breakfast

FUNDRAISER

JUNE 21 • 6:30AM TO 9:30AM

\$10 SCRAMBLED EGGS - FRIED RICE
PORTUGUESE SAUSAGE
PER PLATE **FAST KINE DRIVE THRU!**

**Lions
Please SAVE
the date!**

A toast to Dad and wake up to
happiness on a plate!

2026 marks a century of humanitarian
service for all Lions Clubs In Hawaii.



PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE HAWAII KAI COMMUNITY
FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO BUY TICKETS CONTACT
HAWAIIKAILIONS.ORG or email **info@hawaiiailions.org**



HOSTED BY THE WAIMEA LIONS CLUB



FATHER'S DAY PANCAKE

Breakfast



• **SUN, JUN 21.2026** •

PARKER SCHOOL SMART CENTER

65-1167 Kapiolani Rd, Kamuela, HI 96743 | 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

BREAKFAST | LUCKY DRAW | ENTERTAINMENT

TICKETS

\$10

PER PERSON

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