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Cabinet Meetings

1st Quarter - Aug. 8, 2026
 Key Project, OAHU

2nd Quarter - Oct. 24, 2026
 Key Project, OAHU

3rd Quarter - Jan. 30, 2027
 Kilauea Military Camp, HAWAI'I

4th Quarter - Apr. 24, 2027
 Kroc Center, OAHU

Club Charter Anniversaries

July 01

Akaka Falls - 1963

July 06

Mana Loa-Nimitz - 2009

July 20

Mililani Leos - 1974

July 28

Hamakua - 1934



Happy 250th Anniversary America, & Happy 4th of July Lions of District 50!

As you celebrate this special day, many of our District 50 Lions are proudly representing Hawai'i at the 108th Lions Clubs International Convention in Hong Kong.

Congratulations also to the **Akaka Falls Lions Club, Mana Loa-Nimitz Lions**

Club, Mililani Leo Club, and Hamakua Lions Club as they celebrate their charter anniversaries this July. Wishing each club many more years of dedicated service to their communities!

LCH's 100th Charter Celebration

This Lions' year will be an exciting year for Lions of District 50! The **Lions Club of Honolulu** will be celebrating its 100th Charter Celebration on October 10, 2026, from 5-10 pm at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki. Please register early for that monumental celebration.

91st D50 Lions Convention

President Mark Lyons and Lion Lyn Lyons will be our LCI guests at our 91st District 50 Lions Convention from April 23-25, 2027, at the Kroc Center in Kapolei. The Kroc Center has an amazing theatre, dining facilities, breakout rooms, affordable dormitory rooms, a family pool with showers, a large parking lot, and is accessible by rail. Lions can stay at hotels near the Kroc Center or the airport.

Mission 1.5 Membership Summit

PDG Mitch Tam, 2nd VDGE David Iwana, and I went to LCI's Mission 1.5 Membership Summit in Atlanta, Georgia.

Being Visible

We learned a few tricks to be visible during your projects. Try wearing a bright yellow shirt with a large blue logo that you can see from 50 feet.

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2026-2027 District 50 Leadership

Past International Director
Robert Lee



Board of Governors

Chairperson
PDG C.J. Kalopodes

Vice Chairperson
PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita

PDG Mitch Tam

PDG Gary Nip

IPDG Sean Benito

DG Dr. Cedric Mitsui



District Governor
Dr. Cedric Mitsui

First Vice District Governor
Anthony Tassillio

**Second Vice
District Governor**
David Iwana

**Immediate Past
District Governor**
Sean Benito

Honorary District Governor
PID Robert Lee

Cabinet Secretary
PDG Gary Nip

Cabinet Treasurer
Seleste Tai

Sergeant at Arms
PDG Kelvin Moniz

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Submissions

Please email submissions for the August issue by July 25th to leoliona@hawaiilions.org

Lion Renee Ako, Editor

Growing Our Clubs

I know all of you are asking, "How can we grow our clubs? Try:

- Nurturing a culture of growth.
- More members, more service.
- Lions and Leo clubs should consider submitting a project for LCI's Kindness Matters Award. Applications can be submitted to PDG Eric Nordmeier from July 1 to August 15, 2026.
- Start a club branch.
- Recruit new members based on the needs of your club.
- Find a recruiting guru.
- Pair up and recruit.
- Don't prejudge a potential Lion!
- Just ask!

While in Atlanta, PDG Mitch, 2nd VDGE David, and I had many meals with GMT Sandi Sterker, from Koloa, but now lives in Clear Lake, Arizona. I'm so glad we reconnected! She sends her aloha to all the Lions of District 50!



GMT's New Membership Initiatives

Speaking of membership, GMT Chair Lee Morris will be launching new membership initiatives:

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- **D50 Fast Start:** July 1-Sept 30, 2026
The top 3 Lion recruiters will receive a gift card, and the top club will receive a gift card or a patch if one can be made.
- **D50 Finish Strong** Jan 1-March 31, 2027
The top 3 recruiters will get a gift card, and the top club will receive a gift card or a patch if one can be made.

Lions who sponsor a Lion will get a limited-edition pin, which potential Lions will notice and ask, "How can I get that pin?!"

GLT's Training Programs

District 50's GLT, PDG Lori, has put together an amazing training program for club officers and zone chairs! It was a great review for me, but I still learned some new things because of the new Lion Portal. Please have your club officers and future club officers attend!

Regional Lions Leadership Institute

PDG Lori and her Regional Lions Leadership Institute team will put on an amazing RLLI on Oahu, January 16-18, 2027. I recently attended one in Sacramento, it was life-changing and amazing! Please send someone from your club to it!

Global Extension Team's Plans

District 50's GET, PDG Mitch Tam, is forming his extension team for this and future years. He is using a District 50 Extension Plan produced by PDG Lori with modifications produced at the LCI Membership Summit in Atlanta. LOTS of possible Club Branches that need a Lions Club to sponsor them!!! Hopefully, District 50 will be able to sponsor a few new clubs! LCI asked us to form 4 new clubs this year!!!! If your club would like help forming a club branch, please contact PDG Mitch.

Leadership Updates

District 50's GST, PDG Eric Nordmeier will maintain the standard of Lion and Leo Club reporting. He's also the District Administrator.

2nd VDG David Iwana has agreed to lead District 50's Club Revitalization Program. Please contact him if your club would like the program's help.

PDG Mitch Tam and his Club Marketing Program will help clubs with their marketing. Please contact him for help.

Serve, Engage & Energize

As I write this message, I'm on my way to Hong Kong for the Lions International Convention. I'll be sure to share updates, especially on the important issues and resolutions being discussed and voted on during the convention.

My District Governor's theme, "**Serve, Engage, and Energize**," has truly become the foundation of both my professional life and my journey as a Lion. It reflects the values that inspire me to lead, connect with others, and make a positive impact through service. As Lions, we need to serve our fellow Lions and our community. Successful Lions Clubs and Lion leaders engage all their Lions. Successful Lions Clubs and Lion leaders energize all their members because everything they do is fun, rewarding, and sometimes new!

Yours in Lionism

DG Cedric Mitsui

Serve, Engage, and Energize



[Register for the GALA here](#)

Aloha Fellow Lions, Friends, and Community Partners,

A century ago, a shared spark of purpose brought a dedicated group together to establish the Lions Club of Honolulu. On October 11, 1926, our journey began. As we celebrate on October 10, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki Hotel Ballroom, our 100th Charter Anniversary, we look back on a historic legacy of accomplishment that has sustained our dedication to community and service.

Reaching a centennial anniversary is a remarkable milestone rarely achieved by civic organizations. It demands a clear vision, a steadfast purpose, and an unbreakable bond of fellowship. For 100 years, the Lions Club of Honolulu has embodied these ideals, serving as a beacon of hope and leadership in Hawaii.

As the "Mother Club" of Hawaii, our mission has always been rooted in the spirit of Aloha. Since our charter in 1926, we have proudly championed the cause of Lionism and inclusion. We have preserved sight, combated hunger, protected our local environment, and stepped up to offer assistance whenever our neighbors needed it most.

This centennial milestone belongs to every member, past and present, who has worn the Lions emblem with pride. It belongs to our families who support us, and the community partners who stand beside us.

As we look ahead to the next century, our commitment remains unwavering. Let us continue to serve with compassionate hearts, honor the legacy of those who walked before us, and inspire the next generation to carry the torch of Lionism forward

Yours in Lionism,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kyle Laconsay".

Co-President Kyle Laconsay

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Abraham Wong".

Co-President Abraham Wong



“JOIN THE FUN & FEEL THE PRIDE”

Lions Club of Honolulu

100th Anniversary Gala

October 10, 2026

Hyatt Regency Waikiki

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Dinner, Live Music & Awards

Platinum Table Sponsor - \$2,500.00

- Priority table for 8 Guests
- 2 drink coupons per person
- Complimentary Parking Validations
- Recognition as Platinum Sponsor
- Event Programs
- Mahalo Gift

Gold Table Sponsor - \$1,500.00

- Designated table for 8 guests
- 8 Parking Validations
- Recognition as Gold Sponsor
- Event Programs

Individual Tickets - \$125.00

- Buffet Dinner
- Open Seating
- Event Program



Please Visit the Registration Site [Here](#)



Aloha 'Oe Lion Miu Lan Oman

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha, Public Relations)

For many years, Miu Lan has exemplified the true spirit of Lionism through her unwavering commitment to service, leadership, and compassion. A dedicated and highly respected member of Lions Clubs International in Hawaii, she has devoted countless hours to strengthening both the organization and the communities it serves.

As a charter leader and Guiding Lion for the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club, Miu Lan played a pivotal role in the club's development during its formative years. Through her mentorship, guidance, and encouragement, she helped build a strong foundation that empowered members to embrace the Lions motto, "We Serve," while fostering a culture of fellowship, innovation, and community engagement.

Her passion for helping those in need extended well beyond club leadership. Serving as the Hawaii Cyber Lions Club's liaison to the Hawaii Foodbank, Miu Lan coordinated service initiatives that addressed food insecurity and provided vital support to individuals and families facing difficult circumstances. Her dedication to community outreach reflected her belief that meaningful service begins with caring for one's neighbors.

Miu Lan's leadership also reached the district and statewide levels. As a Trustee of the Hawaii Lions Foundation and a representative of the Lions Club of Honolulu, she actively participated in numerous District 50 meetings, conventions, leadership forums, and service initiatives. Her thoughtful insight, collaborative spirit, and steadfast commitment helped advance the mission of Lionism throughout the State of Hawaii.

Whether mentoring new Lions, strengthening community partnerships, or helping guide the future of the organization, Miu Lan has consistently demonstrated exceptional leadership, integrity, and generosity. Her legacy is reflected not only in the programs she helped build and the lives she touched, but also in the countless Lions she inspired to serve with purpose, compassion, and aloha.

Through her dedication and lifelong commitment to service, Miu Lan has left an enduring mark on Lions Clubs International and the people of Hawaii, embodying the very best of what it means to be a Lion.



In 2025 Lion Miu Lan is receiving her drawing prize; a Tron Legacy 3D printed lightcycle



Miu Lan & Frosty - December 8, 2015

Service: Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints

Location: 46-117 Halaulani Street - Kaneohe

Date: July 30 2026 Visitation Time: 9am Service Time: 10am

Condolences may be sent to: Karen Alamida (daughter)

47-421A Ahuimanu Street | Kaneohe HI 96744



In Memoriam — Lion Robert “Bob” Mamoru Kawakone
August 11, 1939 – May 19, 2026

Waiakea Lions Club mourns the passing of Lion Robert “Bob” Mamoru Kawakone, who left us on May 19, 2026, after 28 years of devoted service to our club and community.

Lion Bob joined our ranks on February 1, 1998, and quickly proved himself a Lion of extraordinary dedication. Over nearly three decades, he served in nearly every capacity our club has to offer — as President, Secretary (a role he held for over a decade across two terms), Zone Chair, Region Chair, Club Membership Chair, and Branch Liaison. His leadership extended beyond our club walls, representing Waiakea Lions at the zone and regional level with distinction.

His fingerprints are on some of our club's most beloved traditions and community efforts — the Chuckwagon Breakfast, Fundfest, Beach and Highway Clean-Ups, the HMSA Flu Shot Project, Vision Screening, the Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Bell Ringing, and so many more. If there was work to be done for the community, Lion Bob was there — often the one leading the charge.

The honors he received reflect what those who served alongside him already knew: Lion of the Year, Officer of the Year (multiple times), the International President's Achievement Award, the prestigious Melvin Jones Fellowship in 2010, and ultimately Life Membership in 2016 — the club's highest recognition of lifetime commitment.

He is survived by his beloved spouse, Lion Joan Kawakone of the Akaka Falls Lions Club, who carries forward the Lions spirit they shared together.

Lion Bob, your years of “We Serve” were felt by countless lives in our community. You will be deeply missed, and never forgotten.

Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai, Waiakea Lions Club

We Serve. We Care. We Make a Difference.

Health & Wellness Seminar

Sunday, July 19th | 6:30 p.m. | Zoom Presentation

Parkinson Disease

Presenter: Lion Dr. James Yamashita

Everyone is welcome!

Best Practices with **PDG Cecelia Izu**

Monday, July 27th
 6:30 p.m.
 Zoom Presentation

“Get the Inside Scoop from our New Leaders”

Look for the Zoom links in an upcoming email.



LEO-LION

Welcome to our New Leo Lions!



Leo Lion Coral Aniban



Sponsor:
Leo Lion Paul Wong

Leo Lion Tyrah Jen Dela Cruz



Sponsor:
Leo Lion Tad Matsumura

Leo Lion Jayda Pandes



Sponsor:
Leo Lion Jenna Deniz

A Leo-Lion is a special classification within Lions Clubs International for young adults, typically between the ages of 18 and 30, who have previously served in a Leo Club. It is designed to help graduating or former Leos seamlessly transition into a regular Lions Club.

United by service, friendship, and aloha, we're making a meaningful difference in the lives of others.

Please help us welcome our newest members by sending their information to leoliona@hawaiilions.org by the 25th of each month. Include their photo, your club name, their name, and their sponsor's name.



A Childhood Cancer Program

July 19-25, 2026

Providing a Community Where Every Child With Cancer In Hawaii is Accepted, Valued & Celebrated

Your donations provide support for the needs of children and families affected by childhood cancer.

For more information, please contact
Lion Virginia McMahon
Childhood Cancer Committee Chair

Click [here](#) for Camp Anuenue information and donation form.


HAWAII LIONS FOUNDATION

MAHALO NUI

3rd Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser

June 26, 2026

Aloha District 50 Hawaii Lions,
Mahalo Nui for your generous support of our 3rd Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser by being a Sponsor, a Golfer, a monetary/In-kind Donor, or Volunteer. You are all truly appreciated! Your Foundation continues to support our Lions Eye Bank and the Lions Clubs of District 50 Hawaii in serving their local communities as they carry out essential sight, hearing and other humanitarian, service and community projects.

Mahalo nui loa,

Honorary Chair
Past International Director
Robert Lee

Tournament Chair
Hawaii Lions Foundation – President
Roberta Jenkins

Tournament Co-Chair
District Governor,
Sean Benito

Tournament Committee
PDG Kelvin Moniz, PDG Bernard Ho, PDG Roy Nishida, Lion Steve Wong, Lion Dan Motohiro
Lion Karen Bell, Lion Roberta Jenkins, Lion Robert Piimauna, Lion Lyn Lurbe, Lion Renee Ako,
Barbara Abaya & Lion Thelma Aiwohi



Bruddah Sean

DISTRICT GOVERNOR
2025–2026
D50 HAWAI'I LIONS

ONE LOCAL BOY
FROM HAWAI'I ISLAND
WHO LOVES HIS HOME
AND BELIEVES IN
SERVING ITS PEOPLE.



#Aloha Power

'OHANA OF
SERVICE HEROES

END OF YEAR DISTRICT GOVERNOR REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

RESULTS AT A GLANCE

						
MEMBERSHIP NET GAIN	NEW MEMBERS	NEW CLUBS	CLUBS REPORTING SERVICE	ZONE CHAIRS TRAINED	CLUB OFFICERS TRAINED	DISTRICT FUNDRAISING
-89	112	0	100%	87%	23%	\$60K
VS +118 LAST YEAR	VS 176 LAST YEAR	VS 5 LAST YEAR	VS <100% LAST YEAR	VS 100% LAST YEAR	VS 89% LAST YEAR	VS \$55K LAST YEAR

YEAR OF IMPACT

- ✓ 100% of clubs reported service.
- ✓ 100% of districts reported goals.
- ✓ \$60,000 raised for our communities.
- ✓ 112 new Lions joined District 50.
- ✓ 1 club reactivated – Moloka'i Lions.
- ✓ Strong youth focus – 27 Leo Clubs and Leos Conference.
- ✓ Disaster response – Kona Low storm relief.
- ✓ Visited clubs across every major island.
- ✓ Promoted our message:
Belonging is the Future of Lions.

“ The future of
Lions in Hawai'i
is not how many
people we recruit.
*It's how many
people feel they
belong.* ”



MAHALO!

To every Lion, Leo, and
partner who served with
heart and aloha –
thank you.

The future of District 50
is bright because of YOU.

VISION. PEOPLE. SERVICE. ALOHA.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Belonging Will Determine Our Future

Submitted by IPDG Sean Benito

The future of Lions will be determined not by how many people we recruit, but by how many people feel they belong.

Aloha 'Ohana,

As my year as District Governor comes to a close, I've spent a lot of time reflecting on what I've learned. I've traveled across our district, visited clubs on every island, talked story with longtime Lions, new Lions, Leos, and people who have never joined our organization. And after all the meetings, projects, conventions, challenges, successes, and conversations, one lesson stands above all the rest: **We must understand people first.**

Recently, a younger family member asked me: **"Why should I join?"** Around the same time, I read a message from a longtime Lion who made the difficult decision to step away because age and health no longer allow him to participate the way he once did.

One generation is asking: **"Why should I join?"** Another is asking: **"How can I continue?"**

Both questions matter. And both are telling us the same thing. The world has changed. Families are working harder. Costs are higher. People are retiring later. Time, money, and energy have become some of our most valuable resources.

People are not against service. People are not against helping others. People are not against Lions. They're simply trying to take care of the people they love.

For years, we've asked: **"How do we get more members?"** Today, I believe the better questions are: **"Why would someone choose Lions?" "And once they join, what makes them stay?"**

Because membership is not our greatest challenge. **Belonging is.**

People may join because of a service project.

People may join because a friend invited them.

People may join because they believe in our mission.

But they stay because they feel welcomed.

They stay because they build friendships.

They stay because they feel appreciated.

They stay because they know they matter.

They stay because they find an 'ohana.

People join for the mission.

People stay for the culture.

My biggest lesson this year is this:

The future of Lions is not about getting people to fit into our organization. The future of Lions is about building an organization that fits the realities of the people we serve.

If we expect people to fit a model that worked 30 years ago, we may struggle. But if we listen, adapt, and continue meeting people where they are, while staying true to our mission of service, our future is bright. The organizations that thrive in the future will not be the ones

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with the most meetings, the most titles, or the most traditions. They will be the ones that create the strongest sense of: **Belonging. Impact. 'Ohana.**

One thought keeps coming back to me. The founders of KTA Super Stores built their business around a simple belief: **If we take care of the community, the community will take care of us.**

I believe the same is true for Lions. **If we take care of our 'ohana, our 'ohana will take care of the mission.**

And so I leave you with the biggest lesson I learned this year:

The future of Lions will be determined not by how many people we recruit, but by how many people feel they belong.

Because membership is not our greatest challenge. **Belonging is.**

If people feel welcomed, valued, appreciated, and connected, they will stay. If they stay, they will serve. If they serve, they will invite others. And if they invite others, our future remains bright.

People first. Culture first. Then membership.

With aloha,
Bruddah Sean
Immediate Past District Governor, D50 Hawai'i Lions
#AlohaPower #OhanaOfServiceHeroes



A Message From First Vice District Governor (FVDG) Lion Tony Tassillio

Aloha PID, DG, SVDG, PDGs, Cabinet Officers, Lions, CIS, and our District 50 'Ohana, Congratulations to our new District Governor, who will be officially sworn in at the July International Convention. Mahalo to all of our awesome Lions throughout Hawai'i Nei for your continued dedication and service to our communities. Please keep up the outstanding work, and remember to invite a friend to join us so we can continue growing our Lions family and serving together.

Mahalo nui loa! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

With aloha,
FVDG Lion Anthony Kaluhikai Tassillio

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6/05	HLF Golf Fundraiser Lions dinner at Pearl City
6/06	HLF Meeting
6/07	Lions Helping Lions - airport pickup
6/09	D50 Special Cabinet Meeting Vote
6/12	Hot meal feeding Lions Helping Lions - CIS car pick up
6/13	Officer Training Hawaii Kai Charter Celebration
6/14	Hot meal feeding
6/15	Kupuna class registration Kona Lion General Meeting & Officer Installation
6/16	GAT Meeting C-4
6/17	Waiakea Lions Club funeral - Lion Bob
6/20	Hilo Lions Club funeral - Lion Modesto
6/21	Refurbish kupuna home (windows, faucets, doors, screens, kitchen electrical, smoke/CO2 detectors)
6/24	Bbq'd 280 burgers & 360 hot dogs for USA birthday
6/25	Hot meal feeding
6/26	Kitchen vents cleaning
6/27	Lions dinner Lions helping Lions - 55 gallon trash bags to dumpster
6/28	Hot meal feeding
6/30	Hilo Crescent City General Meeting & Officer Installation



*Higashihara Park Clean Up
Kona Healthy Leo Lions, Aug 2025*

The Youth Are Our Now!

Submitted by PDG Mitch Tam

Photos by Lions Cheryl Tam & Michelle Tam

“The youth is our now!”

Past International President Lion Douglas Alexander

Last year, at the District 50 Hawaii Leo Conference held at Kilauea Military Camp, several of our Lions were approached by District 4-A1 Past District Governor Lion Gabby McKechnie. I was fortunate to already know PDG Gabby, as we both served as District Governors during the 2021–2022 Lions year. She had previously shared her vision of establishing a series of Leo-Lion Clubs throughout Hawaii to help strengthen and grow our youth membership.

It was a vision we enthusiastically embraced.

Today, we proudly celebrate the chartering of the **Kona Healthy Leo Lion Club**.

With the guidance of Club Leo Advisor Lion Cheryl Tam and the dedication of PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita, we successfully recruited enough Leo Lions to establish the club. Since its chartering, the club has grown to 36 members who have collectively completed more than 2,172 volunteer activities and contributed over 16,000 hours of service. Not bad for a group comprised primarily of college students attending schools throughout Hawaii and across the mainland United States.

Encouraged by the club's early success, we began developing a membership succession plan that starts even earlier:

First comes the **Cub Club**—elementary-aged children learning the value of service, community involvement, and giving back through simple, fun projects. Sometimes that means "playing in the dirt" by pulling weeds, followed by the important reward of enjoying ice cream together.

Next comes the **Leo Club** at the high school level. Build friendships with these young leaders. Encourage them, mentor them, and treat them as equals. Allow them to choose



*Ready to Serve
Kona Healthy Leo Lions, Oct 2025*



*DG Visitation
Konawaena High School Leos, Dec 2024*

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*1st D50 Hawaii Lions Convention
Kona Healthy Leo Lions, April 2026*

the projects that matter to them, and then help remove barriers so they can serve successfully.

Then comes the **Leo-Lion Club**. Celebrate your graduating seniors and ensure that after four years as Leos, they miss their Lions family as much as they miss their classmates and friends. Help them continue their service journey while maintaining the friendships and sense of purpose they have built along the way.

Will this approach work?

Only time will tell. We may fail. We may succeed.

What I do know is that it's working so far.

What is your club doing?

If you have a Leo Club that has become stagnant, let's bring it back to life. If you don't have a Leo Club, consider starting a community-based club for youth ages 13–18 and welcome them into your Lions ohana.

Reach out to recently graduated Leos and see how they are doing. They are an excellent foundation for starting your own Leo-Lion Club and often make outstanding mentors for younger Leos. Give them opportunities to serve alongside your Lions and current Leos—they love staying involved and giving back.

Need help getting started? Let our District Governor know, and we'll come running!



*Ironman 2025
Konawaena High School Leos, Oct 2025*



*Fall Festival
Kona Healthy Leo Lions, Oct 2025*



JUNE 2026 GST
ANNOUNCEMENT

DISTRICT 50
HAWAII LIONS

D50 Lions

Let's finish the year strong

Report Service Projects in the Portal by:

JULY 31, 2026

The Lion year ends on June 30, 2026 and service projects completed between July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026 must be entered into the Lions Portal by July 31, 2026

↔ CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD UPDATE ↔

Service Requirement Update for the 2025–2026 Club Excellence Award

- ✓ Report a minimum of four (4) service activities
- ✓ Three (3) of the 4 activities must align with the International Weeks of Service around Mental Health, Hunger, and Environment.
-  These service projects can be completed anytime throughout the 2025–2026 Lion year, as long as they are documented in the Lions Portal by July 31, 2026.
- ✓ WHEN DOCUMENTING PROJECTS INTO THE PORTAL, IT IS BEST PRACTICE TO SELECT THE APPROPRIATE CAUSE IN THE LIONS PORTAL (E.G., HUNGER, ENVIRONMENT, MENTAL HEALTH).

FOR MORE INFO ON PROJECT REPORTING DEADLINE AND DETAILS:
[HTTPS://WWW.LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/MEMBER-RESOURCE-CENTER/SERVICE/RESOURCES/SERVICE-JOURNEY/SERVICE-REPORTING](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/service/resources/service-journey/service-reporting)

FOR MORE INFO ON LIONS CLUB EXCELLENCE AWARD:
[HTTPS://WWW.LIONSCLUBS.ORG/EN/MEMBER-RESOURCE-CENTER/GRANTS-AND-AWARDS/ASSOCIATION-AWARDS/EXCELLENCE-AWARDS](https://www.lionsclubs.org/en/member-resource-center/grants-and-awards/association-awards/excellence-awards)

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT LION CHRIS CHOW, GST COORDINATOR
CHRISCHOW@HAWAIIILIONS.ORG



JOIN THE LIONS CLUB

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

★ *in Our Community* ★



DISTRICT 50



**Kamehameha Lion
Sheila Doncaster**

Inspired by a desire to honor her brother, a Vietnam veteran and recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Heart, Kamehameha Lion Sheila Doncaster launched a service project on July 4, 2012. By partnering with the Institute for Human Services (IHS) Veterans Program, she began sponsoring a room in the shelter.

**TOGETHER,
WE HONOR
OUR VETERANS,
GIVING THEM A HOME
AND A FUTURE.**



What began as one Lion's vision has grown into a collaborative effort, with numerous charitable organizations joining together to support this important mission:

- ★ Kamehameha Lions Club
- ★ The American Legion Kau-Tom Post 11
- ★ Bishop Maigret Assembly 1577 4th Degree Knights
- ★ Kailua Elks Lodge 2230
- ★ Knights of Columbus St. Ann Council 14620
- ★ Vietnam Veterans of America Post 858
- ★ Windward VFW Post 10154

OVER 500 VETERANS

HAVE BEEN PLACED IN
PERMANENT HOUSING.



If this is a project you would like to support,
PLEASE SEND A DONATION TO IHS
(Institute for Human Services – Vet House)
546 Kaaahi St., Honolulu 96817

For more information, please contact Lion Mel Tom.









Be a Lion. Change a Life.

JULY 2026



GLOBAL MEMBERSHIP TEAM

Aloha, I am Lee Morris from the Waikoloa Lions and your new Global Membership Chair for the 2026-2027 year. Our goal this year is to grow our clubs and grow District 50 to be able to give more service to our communities.

+2 GOAL

We were going to ask all of the clubs to be +1 in membership this year until we found out that Lions International raised the minimum to be a 100% club to two members, so the new goal is +2 at the club level.

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST

We are also going to have a membership contest for clubs recruiting new members. There will be a category for the most new total members, which does have an advantage to the larger clubs, so there will be a category for greatest percentage growth, which helps the medium and smaller clubs. There will be more to come on this in the future.

MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

We will keep you up to date on the club membership numbers at the cabinet meetings and from time to time by email to the clubs.

BRANCH CLUBS

As the Global Extension Team and the district leadership is working on starting new clubs, all new clubs will not be successful in reaching 20 members in the first year. Please look at starting branch clubs. If you have a half dozen potential new Lions, think about making them a branch club and not losing potential members.

PROUD LIONS

When you recruit new members please introduce them to the Proud Lion program. Over the years this has been shown to be a great retention program. It gets new Lions active from the beginning in both the club and the district. If you have any questions, please contact Lion Cecelia Izuo for help.

Lion Lee Morris
Global Membership Team Chair
2026-2027



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Lion Gary Nip & Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita



Khalsa Aid International

Lions International has named [Khalsa Aid International](#) as the recipient of the prestigious 2026 Lions International Humanitarian Award, recognizing the organization's extraordinary leadership in global humanitarian relief and disaster response. Founder and CEO [Ravi Singh-Khalsa Aid](#) will accept the award on behalf of the organization at the 2026 Lions International Convention in Hong Kong.

Founded in 1999 and guided by the Sikh principle of seva, meaning selfless service, Khalsa Aid International has delivered emergency food, medical care, clean water and long-term recovery assistance to communities affected by war, natural disasters and humanitarian crises across nearly 50 countries.

The Lions International Humanitarian Award honors individuals and organizations whose dedication to service exemplifies the mission of Lions International: to improve health and well-being, strengthen communities and support those in need through humanitarian service and grants that impact lives globally. The award includes a US\$500,000 grant from Lions Clubs International Foundation to support Khalsa Aid International's ongoing humanitarian initiatives worldwide.

Congratulations District 50 – Hawai'i!

Congratulations. We have exceeded our cash goal of \$50,192 and exceeded last year's cash donation of \$55,887.

Congratulations. We have exceeded last year's record of 44 clubs donating with 49 clubs donating this fiscal year.

Congratulations to [Akaka Falls Lions Club](#) for exceeding \$10,000 in donations which gives them 20% return in District & Club Grants.

Congratulations to [Manoa Lions Club](#) for exceeding \$5,000 in donations which gives them 15% return in District & Club Grants.

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](#)

PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS: THEIR EXPERIENCE, OUR STRENGTH

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier

The Past District Governors listed below continue to serve as members of clubs in District 50. Their leadership experience and insight make them valuable resources for anyone interested in learning more about the role of Second Vice District Governor and other district leadership opportunities. They have valuable knowledge and experience that can greatly benefit clubs, the

district, and the association. We encourage you to connect with these experienced leaders, ask questions, and benefit from their years of service and dedication to Lionism.

Additionally, explore the resources below to stay informed, get involved, and further develop your leadership skills.

Joseph Pontanilla	1989-1990	Kahului
George Kodani	1997-1998	Hilo
Roy Aoki	2000-2001	Honolulu Hawaii Kai
Bernard AKS Ho	2001-2002	Honolulu
Cecelia Izuo	2004-2005	Pali
Roy Nishida	2005-2006	East Kauai
Chris Morris	2006-2007	Waikoloa
Rodney Jung	2007-2008	Kahului
Shannon Ching	2008-2009	Honolulu Waikiki 2000
Alan Garson	2009-2010	Akaka Falls
Chris Tamura	2010-2011	Pearl City
Eric Nordmeier	2011-2012	West Kauai
John "Jack" Kampfer	2012-2013	Wahiawa
Mark Mizuno	2013-2014	Haleakala
Kelvin Moniz	2015-2016	East Kauai
Nadine Nishioka	2016-2017	Manoa
Blayne Hanagami	2017-2018	Akaka Falls
Robert Lee	2018-2019	Honolulu Chinatown
Angelita Haramoto	2019-2020	Kahului
Garrett Ogawa	2020-2021	Manoa
Mitch Tam	2021-2022	Kona
Gary YG Nip	2022-2023	Honolulu Koko Head
Chris Kalopodes	2023-2024	Kaneohe
Lori Inouye-Yamashita	2024-2025	Manoa
Sean Benito	2025-2026	Hilo Crescent City

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Summaries of recent board actions.

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Events driving our global activities and conversations about service.

[Club Health](#)

[Assessment](#)

Track membership growth, reporting trends and the overall health of the clubs in your district.

[Club Health Assessment Action Strategies](#)

[Club Troubleshooting Guide](#)

[Club Excellence Awards](#)

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[**District Troubleshooting Guide**](#)[**District Excellence Awards**](#)[**International Constitution and By-Laws**](#)

The most current version of the International Constitution and By-Laws. This is updated following the International Convention.

[**LCIF**](#)

Information on grants, projects and special initiatives.

Video Resources

The Semi-annual PDG Virtual Update includes video messages by leaders on evolving organizational priorities, key initiatives and significant board decisions. As priorities for 2026-2027 become available that information will be provided.

For example, these are 2025-2026 videos:

1st Semester

[**PDG-Update-Priorities-2025-2026**](#) A Conversation with IP A.P. Singh

[**PDG-Update-MISSION 1.5**](#) A Conversation with PIP Frank Moore

[**PDG-Update-LCIF**](#): A Conversation with PIP Dr. Patti Hill

Second Semester

[**2025-2026 International Priorities**](#) An Update from IP A.P. Singh

[**MISSION 1.5**](#) A Message from 1VP Mark Lyon

[**LCIF District & Club Community Impact Grants \(DCG\)**](#) Turn Donations into Local Impact

Stay involved and share your knowledge by becoming a mentor!

[**Mentoring Program**](#) Information on how to mentor new leaders to carry on the Lion's tradition of service.

[**Dispute Resolution Procedure**](#) A valuable tool to help solve conflicts and misunderstanding.

[**Succession Planning Webinar**](#) (English only)

Leo Club Health Check: Progress and Next Steps

PDG Eric Nordmeier
District Staff Administrator

District 50 has made some incredible strides over the last couple of years, especially with 20 Lions clubs stepping up to assign a Leo Advisor! That is a huge win for keeping our youth engaged and supported.

However, the data shows there is still some work left to do to get every club fully squared away in the Lion Portal and ensure no Leo club is left without direct Lions guidance.

To help make this information easy to share or present to the district leadership, here is a quick, scannable breakdown of where things stand and what needs immediate attention:

District 50 Leo Club Health Check

Total Leo Clubs: 28 (27 Alpha clubs, 1 Omega club)

Active Advisors: 20 Lions clubs have successfully assigned a Leo Advisor.

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Action Items & Current Gaps

To get District 50 to 100% compliance in the Lion Portal, focus is needed in three key areas:

Missing Advisors: 8 Lions clubs still need to officially assign and report a Leo Advisor.

Missing Officers: 12 Leo clubs have not yet updated or reported their Leo club president for the current fiscal year.

Missing Rosters: 6 Leo clubs currently show zero Leo members listed in the portal.

Need Assistance?

For any Lions clubs needing a hand with Leo club management, portal updates, or transitions, the District Leo Advisors are ready to help:

Lion Aren Pai (District Leo Advisor)

Lion Winston Watari (Co-Leo Advisor)

Leo Club	Sponsoring Lion Club	Leo Club Members	Leo Club Advisor	Leo Club President
Hilo	Akaka Falls	24	2025-2026	2025-2026
Kauai High	East Kauai	0	2025-2026	2005-2006
James Campbell HS	Ewa Beach	10	2023-2023	2022-2023
Hawaii Young Visionaries	Hilo Crescent City	3	2024-2025	2025-2025
Hilo Crescent City	Hilo Crescent City	15	2025-2026	2025-2026
Waiakea HS	Hilo Waiakea	8	2025-2026	2026-2026
Roosevelt HS	Honolulu Chinatown	141	2025-2026	2025-2026
Kaiser HS	Honolulu Hawaii Kai	4	2025-2026	2025-2026
WR Farrington HS	Honolulu Kalakaua	1	2021-2022	2014-2015
Kalani HS	Honolulu Kamehameha	0	2025-2026	2017-2018
La Pietra	Honolulu Kamehameha	0	2021-2022	2018-2019
Sacred Hearts Academy	Honolulu Kamehameha	21	2025-2026	2025-2026
St. Louis School	Honolulu Kamehameha	0	2021-2022	2017-2018
McKinley HS	Honolulu Kapahulu Moiliili	35	2025-2025	2025-2025
Moanalua HS	Honolulu Kinaole	224	2025-2026	2025-2026
The Catalyst Cubs	Honolulu Koko Head	8	2025-2026	2024-2025
Iolani School	Honolulu Waikiki 2000	0	2025-2026	-
King Kekaulike HS	Kahului	11	2025-2026	2025-2026
Kapolei HS	Kapolei City	24	2025-2026	2025-2026
Konawaena HS	Kona	68	2025-2026	2025-2026
Lanai High & Elem	Lanai City	53	2025-2026	2025-2026
Waipahu HS	Leeward Oahu	8	2025-2026	2025-2026
RHS JROTC Battalion	Manoa	20	2024-2024	2024-2025
Mililani HS	Mililani	108	2025-2026	2025-2026
Molokai HS	Molokai	18	2025-2026	2025-2026
Pearl City HS	Pearl City	24	2022-2023	2025-2026
Leilehua HS	Wahiawa	19	2025-2026	2025-2026
Waimea HS	West Kauai	52	2025-2026	2024-2025

District 50 In Focus

Photos by D50 Photographers Lions Pam Young, Heather Valdez, Glenn Teraoka & Richard Ching

See the full gallery of photos and videos on the [Hawaii Lions Facebook page](#).

Annual D50 LEO Conference, May 30 - June 2

District 50 Leos gathered for their annual conference at Kilauea Military Camp on Hawai'i Island. The weekend was filled with leadership training, meaningful service, new friendships, and a spirit of aloha. Here are some fun photos from this year's event.



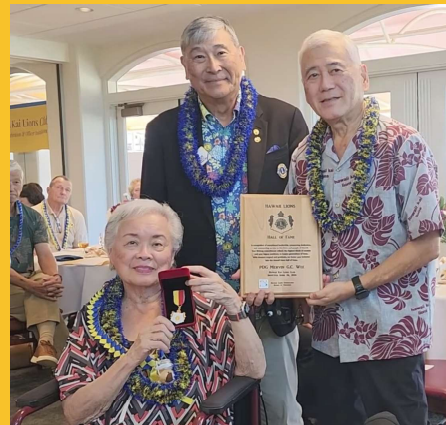
Mililani Lions Club General Membership Meeting, June 3

PDG Garrett Ogawa and guest speakers discussed the importance of being prepared for natural and manmade emergencies that can happen anytime, anywhere.



Hawaii Kai Lions 53rd Charter Anniversary - June 13

Along with celebrating the club's rich history of service, members honored Lions who have passed, recognizing their lasting impact on the club and community.



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Pan-Pacific Parade - June 14

The parade was a wonderful opportunity for Hawaii Lions to celebrate cultural diversity, connect with residents and visitors, and proudly represent the spirit of Lionism.

53rd Annual Hawaii Kai Breakfast - June 21

Patrons from near and far enjoyed the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club's** 53rd Annual Father's Day Breakfast fundraiser, featuring a delicious menu of fried rice, Portuguese sausage, and eggs. Mahalo to everyone who supported this annual tradition!



Tri-Club Officer Installation Night - June 23

The **Kamehameha Lions Club & Foundation**, **Kalakaua Lions Club**, and **Palolo Lions Club** celebrated their incoming officers during a joint installation ceremony at Palolo Chinese Home, kicking off a new Lions year of service and fellowship.



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Ala Moana Lions Club Officer Installation – June 19

The **Ala Moana Lions Club** celebrated the installation of its 2026–2027 officers at Happy Days Chinese Seafood Restaurant in Kaimuki with a delicious nine-course dinner featuring Peking duck and plenty of fellowship.



2026-2027

SERVICE ENGAGE ENERGIZE

SAVE THE DATE!
MOANALUA LIONS CLUB

Ho'opono Christmas Party

Sunday, December 13

The Moanalua Lions Club is gearing up for the
52nd Annual Christmas Luncheon for Ho'opono Services for the Blind.
Live Entertainment, Silent Auction, Drawings, Lunch Buffet, and
spending time with friends and new friends will be some of the highlights of the event.
Please save the date! We would be happy to see you there!

10:00–2:00 p.m., Hawaii Okinawa Center, Legacy II Ballroom

Ticket prices: \$25 Ho'opono Student, \$35 Staff/Student guest, \$50 Lions/Public
RSVP by November 26, 2026

Details on payment, reservations, and entertainment coming soon

Volunteers are needed to usher our special guests. Donations for goody bags,
lucky number drawings, and the silent auction are also greatly appreciated.

Contact: Co-chairs Gail Chang and Pono Higa at
MLCHooponoparty2026@gmail.com
if you have questions or can help. Mahalo!

Our Clubs at Work

Waiākea Lions Honor Outstanding Students

Waiākea Lions celebrated student achievement at this year's Waiākea High School Senior Awards Night. Four students received **Waiākea Lions Club** Scholarships: Charlotte Jo, Julie Kottwitz, Kyan Yamashiro, and Kolin Oshiro.

Lion Alan Shiraishi presented the Outstanding Leo Award to Aneka Herring, and Lions also assisted with the Nā Koa Po'okela awards. Lion Mikki Kameda-Hunt documented the evening through photographs.

Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai



Keeping Honomu Beautiful



Akaka Falls Lions successfully completed their quarterly Adopt A Highway & Adopt A Park project under clear blue skies in Honomu.

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro



Special Naturalization Ceremony

Submitted by Lion Adriel Lam, Citizenship/Naturalization Chair

On Saturday, May 23, 2026, the District 50 Hawaii Lions Citizenship Committee welcomed 50 new United States citizens at the USCIS Special Naturalization Ceremony at Pearl Harbor National Memorial Park.

Mililani CC & C (Mark, Marie, Agnes, Patrice), **Kaneohe** (Adriel, RC), **Manoa** (PDG Lori, Jim), **Moanalua** (Lynn) and **Hawaii Kai** (Frances) Lions Clubs all represented well, presenting lei and warm greetings to the new citizens and families.

Our newly inducted fellow countrymen came from all over the world to include Brazil, Canada, China, Fiji, Italy, Japan, Nepal, Philippines, South Korea, Taiwan, Thailand, United

Kingdom, Ukraine, and Vietnam.

Other civic organizations also joined in the celebration, to include VFW10154 (Lyle), American Legion (Mel), and Knights of Columbus (Frank).

Citizenship ceremonies will resume in July at the USCIS offices at Waterfront Plaza. Please contact Lion Adriel to participate in Citizenship Committee activities.



Region 6 Zones 1 & 2

Leadership Training & Lions Recognition on Maui

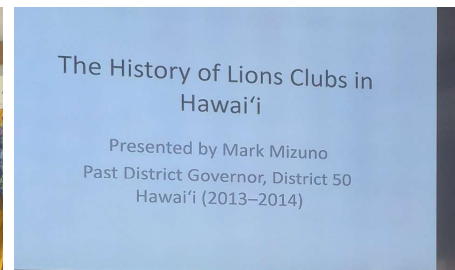
Submitted by Zone Chair Paul Seto

On June 6th, PDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita and Lion Dr. James Yamashita conducted an in-person Lions and Officers Leadership Training at the Wailuku Hongwanji Mission.

During the program, the Maui Incident Response Team shared important updates:

- PDG Joseph Pontanilla provided an update on Maui wildfire recovery projects
- PDG Angie Haramoto presented the financial report
- PDG Mark Mizuno shared the history of District 50 Hawai'i Lions with members, Leos, and officers from the Kahului, Haleakalā, Lahaina, and Lāna'i City Lions Clubs.

The event concluded with ZC Paul Seto recognizing dedicated and outstanding Lions on behalf of District Governor Sean Benito for their exceptional service and accomplishments.



Hawaii Kai Lions Club

53rd Charter Anniversary

Submitted by Lion Spencer Kimura

Enjoy more photos by Lion Pam Young on the [Hawaii Lions Facebook page](#).

This event brought several present and past District Governors and leaders from other Lions clubs and the **Kaiser Leo Club** President together to celebrate our 53rd Charter Anniversary. Lion Susan Uehara and Lion David Iwana served as co-MC's. We honored original Charter



Member, Bunny Lee. District Governor Sean Benito gave a message about the importance of service. Lion Spencer Kimura read a congratulatory message from the President of the **Nagoya Joto Lions Club**. Past International Director Bob Lee presented the Hall of Fame award to CIS Carole Wee and Phillip Wee. Lion Ken Nishibun presented the Melvin Jones Fellowship award to Lion Eric Kwick. CIS Patsy Takesu made a surprise announcement that she wanted to make a special donation of \$6,000 to the Club. **Kaiser High School Leo Club** President Sabrina Johnson gave a few words. Outgoing President, Kendrick Chang gave a message reflecting on his tenure for 2 terms, and then presented the 'Lion of the Year' award to Lion Yolisa Ishibashi. Then there was a silly skit to roast President Kendrick.

District Governor Sean Benito lead the installation ceremony of the new officers. Newly installed President-elect, David Karlen, gave his remarks. Then there were about 30 door prizes given away before the event closed with everyone joining hands and singing Hawaii Aloha.

Donations: A Huge Mahalo to Lion Sydney Kam, Wanda Kimura, David Iwana, Ellsworth Fujii, Jeane Alices, Eric Kwick and Yolisa Ishibashi for donating door prizes.

Lions who helped at this project were David Iwana, Ellsworth Fujii, Alvin Hayashibara, and Frances Lum, Susan Uehara, Yolisa Ishibashi, and Pam Young, who served as photographer for the event.

Kaua'i Lions Club

Celebrating Service & New Beginnings!

Submitted by Lion Deb Thompson, Immediate Past President



The gavel was officially handed over to our new **Kaua'i Lion** President, Alan Momohara, at our recent Officer Installation Ceremony!

Mahalo to PDG Eric Nordmeier of **West Kaua'i Lions Club** for doing the installation honors, and congratulations to Lion Heidi Padilla for earning the club's "Service Excellence" pin for participating in an astounding 16 service projects this year!



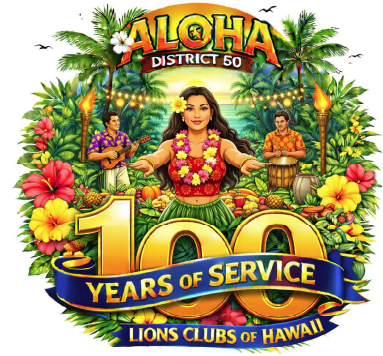
The **Kaua'i Lions** were proud to volunteer as parking lot attendants at the Kaua'i Poke Festival, assisting with safe traffic management throughout the event.

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

53rd Annual Hawaii Kai Father's Day Breakfast

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha, Public Relations)

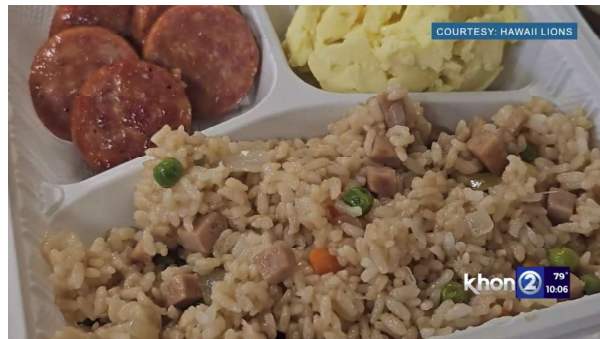
Photos & video by Lion Irwin Santos



Mahalo to Kai from **Hawaii News Now** for the live morning segment and evening coverage. A special thank you as well to **KHON2** and **KITV4's Carley Matsumura** for featuring the event in their evening newscasts. With all three major local television news stations covering the breakfast, it was truly a **"Grand Slam"** for the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** and Lions throughout District 50, reaching more than **450,000 Hawaii households**.



Sean Benito - Hawaii Lions District Governor



Yum! Yum! Yum!



Generations of the Leo Family - with Lion Joel Leo

Be sure to visit the [Hawaii Lions Facebook page](#) to view photos from the event and watch all of the television news segments.

THAT'S RIGHT...53 YEARS!

It is an extraordinary milestone for any organization —let alone sustaining a fundraiser of this magnitude for more than five decades.

Once again, the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** transformed the Kaiser High School parking lot into **Hawaii's largest drive-through breakfast**

takeout event. The logistics are simply remarkable. While a typical commercial fast-food drive-thru may have 6 to 12 vehicles in its queue, the Lions operated at nearly **five times that capacity**, keeping traffic moving efficiently throughout the morning.

On Father's Day, an estimated **1,000 vehicles** drove through the event, picking up breakfast bentos for family and friends. By the end of the morning, the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** had served **more than 4,000 breakfasts**. Most tickets were purchased in advance at **\$10 each**, but this year also marked the welcome return of **walk-in sales**, with more than **100 breakfasts** purchased on-site. In addition, customers could conveniently purchase tickets online. While cash is still king, the ability to pay by credit card made the process even more convenient for many attendees.

The community also stepped up in a big way.

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Generous donations funded the purchase of **135 breakfasts** for the **Institute for Human Services (IHS)**, while the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** donated an additional **approximately 100 breakfasts** to help those in need.

This event is one of the largest public showcases for Lions in the State of Hawaii and shines a spotlight on the incredible volunteer service performed by clubs throughout **Lions District 50**. To the public, we're simply known as **"The Lions."** Every breakfast purchased, every volunteer who lends a hand, and every supporter who contributes helps strengthen that image and promotes the service of all Hawaii Lions.

Funds raised from the annual Father's Day Breakfast directly support numerous community projects and charitable programs, including:

- The annual Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade
- Vision and hearing screenings for preschool and elementary school children throughout East Oahu
- The Rescue Tube Project
- Support for East Oahu public schools
- Support for the Hawaii Kai Public Library
- Kaiser High School Project Graduation
- Junior Police Officer (JPO) Appreciation events
- Community beautification and cleanup projects
- Many additional youth and community service initiatives

Mahalo to everyone who purchased a breakfast, volunteered their time, donated to the cause, and helped make this 53rd annual event another tremendous success. Your support enables the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** to continue serving the East Oahu community and making a positive difference throughout Hawaii.



Hawaii Kai Lions President David Karlen



Kaiser Girls Soccer Team



Morning Prep Crew



Lion Kendrick Chang serving up bentos!

Kamehameha, Kalakaua & Palolo Lions Clubs

Tri-Club Officer Installation Night

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha, Public Relations)

Photos & Video by Lion Pamela Young (Mililani, District Photographer)

Visit [Hawaii Lions Facebook page](#)

Gathered in Service, United in Aloha

Our **Tri-Club** is a partnership of the **Kamehameha, Kalakaua, and Palolo Lions Clubs**. While each club has its own unique identity, mission, and approach to serving the community, together we strengthen the collective *mana* of our partnership.

We meet on the **fourth Tuesday of each month** at the **Palolo Chinese Home (PCH)**, a place we proudly consider our home. For the past two years, our three clubs have worked side by side—sharing resources, supporting one another, and learning from each other's talents, leadership, and experiences. Through service, fellowship, and a shared commitment to helping others, we have built lasting friendships and a stronger Lions family.

Congratulations to the newly installed officers and their Presidents; Lions **Lyle Apo** (**Kamehameha**), **Justin Lee** (**Palolo**), and **Lauta Shen** (**Kalakaua**).



Akaka Falls Lions Club

Ending the Year Strong!

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro



Paniolo Day Members assisted Lion Kristen Sanborn and her family (left) at Paniolo Day for Hilo Intermediate School's graduating students. Students enjoyed hands-on experiences with rodeo events, cattle branding demonstrations, horseshoe changing, a petting zoo, games, and learned about Hawai'i's paniolo (cowboy) heritage. Lion Kristen demonstrating her roping technique (middle). Lion Ali enjoying her free ride upon project completion (right).

**Wine Tasting Event**

SVDG David Iwana and Lion Roxanne had a great time at our Wine Tasting fundraiser (left). Lions Lynnette U., Lynnette K., and Club Secretary Joan smiled for the camera during the successful event (right).



Installation & Celebration DG Bruddah Sean installed our new slate of club officers for the 2026–2027 Lions year (above). Outgoing President Terry celebrated her final general membership meeting after an outstanding year of leadership (left).

A Busy June for Maui Lions

Submitted by Zone Chair Paul Seto

June 4, 2026 – Thanks to the leadership of PDG Joseph Pontanilla and PDG Angie Haramoto, a \$50,000 donation was presented to UHMC Foundation President Jocelyn Romero Demirbag and Dean Laura Nagle to support the University of Hawai'i Maui College Free Lunch Program for Lahaina students and faculty affected by the wildfires.



On June 6th, the **Kahului Lions Club** gathered at Common Ground Collective and Wailele Farm at Twin Falls for its quarterly community outreach event, organized by Lion Jennifer Karaca. Guests enjoyed a memorable performance by the Maui Taiko Drummers.



At the **Kahului Lions Club's** June 11th monthly meeting, members welcomed guest speaker Dr. Anna Barrett of Kaiser Medical Center. The club also hosted two prospective members and welcomed Melissa Eisenhart and Laura McClellan of 'Ohana Strong, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, as special guests.

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Kahului Lions Honored for Community Service

The **Kahului Lions Club** continues to make a lasting impact throughout Maui. Recently, the club was recognized by the Pacific Whale Foundation with an Adopt A Beach Certificate of Appreciation for its volunteer commitment to cleaning Launiupoko Beach Park and protecting marine ecosystems.

The club was also honored by The J. Walter Cameron Center as Silver Star Volunteers for its extraordinary assistance in improving the Center's facilities and supporting its annual Special Fair.

In addition, the **Kahului Lions Club** was featured in The Salvation Army's newsletter, highlighting the club's lasting support and positive impact on the lives of local families through its community service.

Congratulations to the **Kahului Lions Club** for these well-deserved recognitions!

Outstanding Older Americans Honored Across Hawai'i

On June 12, PDG Joe Pontanilla joined outstanding older adults from Kaua'i, O'ahu, Hawai'i Island, and Maui in being honored for their lifelong contributions and dedicated service to their communities and the State of Hawai'i.

Photos courtesy of Maui County on Aging & PDG Joseph Pontanilla



Kamehameha Lions Club

History of the New Kamehameha Lions Club Pin

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos (Kamehameha, Public Relations)



In the beginning, there was the District 50 Pin Award Incentive Program, "**Nā Maka o Liona**" ("The Eyes of the Lion"). At a time before Facebook and social media became the primary platforms for sharing news, Lions throughout District 50 were encouraged to submit articles and photographs for publication in *Leo Liona* and on the District 50 website.

The program gave clubs an opportunity to "toot their own horn" by highlighting their community service projects, fundraising efforts, and special activities. It not only celebrated the accomplishments of individual clubs but also kept fellow Lions and the public informed of the positive impact Lions were making throughout Hawaii. The program enjoyed a successful five-year run, during which three commemorative designs were created, as shown here. All but one were ultimately produced as collectible pins. The final design was later adapted for the **Kamehameha Lions Club** and has now been reintroduced as the commemorative pin.

Every one of these pin designs were created by **Randy Shiroma**, who also designed the **Pali Lions Club** pin and the complete Proud Lion series: **Proud Lion**, **Proud Lion Too**, and **Elite**.

Randy is a childhood friend and classmate of Lion Irwin Santos, and over the years the two have collaborated on dozens of business ventures and creative projects.

A very special Mahalo goes to **PDG Shannon Ching**, whose confidence in the program—and generous seed funding—made it possible to produce the very first **Nā Maka o Liona** commemorative pin. His support helped transform an idea into a program that inspired Lions across the district and created a lasting legacy.



Koko Head Lions Club

Kindness Matters: Two Projects We Are Proud Of

Submitted by Lion Jaci Yokogawa

**Treasure Chest Project**

For the past two years, the **Koko Head Lions Club** has been spreading smiles one small treasure at a time through its ongoing Treasure Chest Project. Every other month, club members fill the treasure chest at Kaiser Moanalua's Mapunapuna Clinic with toys, books and games for children visiting specialty doctors.

As we all know, a visit to the doctor can be stressful, but the surprise of choosing a special treasure helps brighten a child's day and reminds them that kindness matters. In addition to the Mapunapuna Clinic, the club also maintains a treasure chest at Kaiser Moanalua for pediatric cancer patients.

Mo'ili'ili Japanese Cemetery

When the COVID-19 pandemic paused many Lions activities, the **Koko Head Lions Club** found a meaningful way to continue serving the community while keeping their members safe.



Two Sundays

each month, they gather at the Mo'ili'ili Japanese Cemetery to clean the grounds, beautify the property, and complete needed improvement projects.

Originally envisioned by Lion Richard Kaneko, the project has become a true Legacy Project for the club. Over the years, members have created paver walkways, restored and enhanced sections of the cemetery, and continue to preserve this historic resting place.

Whether bringing smiles to children facing medical challenges or preserving a treasured piece of Hawai'i's history, the **Koko Head Lions Club** demonstrates that kindness truly matters—and that even the simplest acts of service can leave a lasting impact.

Big Island Goodies 2026 1st Cabinet Meeting Build Your Own Omiyage Box



**Fundraiser for First Vice
District Governor
Tony Tassilio**



Products Include:

- Low's Int'l Bakery: Rainbow Bread & Sweet Bread
- Frank Foods: Oven Ready Deli Roll, Sliced Smoke Pork, Sliced Pipikaula (Smoke Beef), Portuguese Sausage Ring, Portuguese Brand Cocktail Sausage
- Two Ladies: 4pc Strawberry Mochi & 6 pc Assorted mochi and Manju

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2026-2027
**Officers Installation &
Roosevelt Leo Awards**

Chinese Dinner
\$50
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Robert Lee

**DATE~
THURSDAY
JULY 23
5:30 P.M**

**PLACE~
Hawaii Dim Sum
& Seafood
11 North King St.
2nd Floor**

JULY 10th
no exceptions
Inquiries: Lion Pamela Lee



Palolo Hongwanji Bon Dance 2026

Volunteers WANTED!

July 23rd–26th

We're reaching out to fellow Lions and their family & friends to help us to support this Cultural Event. Must be at least 18.

Light duty work to include setup / food prep / greeters / clean-up / and more!

Event July 24 & 25th

 Food & Games 5pm	 Service 6pm	 Dance 6:30pm	 Pau 9:30pm
 Cultural & Family Fun	 Temple Tour	 Local Crafts	
 Ono Festival Food & Beverage	 Keiki Games		

 Free Parking at Chaminade with Free Shuttle Bus to and from Palolo Hongwanji (Donations are Welcome)
Start 5:00pm – last bus 9:45pm

Contact Lion Irwin Santos
(irwinsantos@hawaiiions.org)

PALOLOHONGWANJI.ORG



Spend an Afternoon and Talk Story with First Vice District Governor Tony Tassillio Fundraiser



Saturday August 22, 2026
3:30pm - 7:00pm

Location:
Glad Tiding Church
116 Kapiolani Ave
Hilo, Hi 96720

Join us for an afternoon of fun.

All Lions Welcome

50/50 Raffle
\$10 - 1 TICKET



Silent Auction:

Some Items:

- 30oz Stanley
- Powerbank

More items to come

BINGO GAMES



ADDITIONAL
BINGO CARDS
\$5

\$20 per person. Includes 1 BINGO Card
RSVP TO LION WAYNE:

OR

LION CHAS

Chicken Chili made by
1VDG Tony Tassillio



Dessert Contest!



Bring your dessert and
enter in the contest

VENMO PAYMENT AVAILABLE

DEADLINE TO RSVP:
August 12, 2026
Walk ins welcome.



PREPARING • FOR AN • EMERGENCY

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

**TOGETHER WE CAN
BE READY.**



BE INFORMED

Learn about local risks and make a plan.



MAKE A PLAN

Prepare your home, supplies, and communication plan.



LOOK OUT FOR EACH OTHER

Check on neighbors and support those who need help.



BUILD A STRONGER COMMUNITY

Together, we're safer and stronger.



**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**



**TOWN CENTER
OF MILILANI**



**EVERYONE
WELCOME!
FAMILIES,
SENIORS,
AND ALL AGES**



**PLAN TODAY. HELP TOMORROW.
TOGETHER, WE'RE READY.**

*BE PREPARED.
BE CONNECTED.
BE A NEIGHBOR.*



Presented by
MILILANI LIONS
WE SERVE

AND THE TOWN CENTER OF MILILANI



3rd Annual

ALOHA PONO

LIONS CLUB

High Tea

Charity Event





**Sunday,
September 27, 2026**
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM



Location:
Tea at 1024
1024 Nuuanu Avenue
Honolulu, Hawaii

DONATION

\$65.00



*Enjoy a Delightful
High Tea Menu*

-  Fresh Salad
-  Homemade Scones
-  Assorted Tea Sandwiches
-  Decadent Desserts
-  Fine Tea Selections



BEST HAT CONTEST

Bring Along Your Best Hat!



RSVP & PAYMENT

Please RSVP and submit payment by
September 13, 2026

Mail Payment To:
Denise Werle



QUESTIONS?

 **Aileen Deese**

Mahalo

Your participation helps support
the charitable and community
service programs of the
Aloha Pono Lions Club.

♥ *Serving with Aloha and Pono* ♥

A Heartfelt **MAHALO** — to our — **PHOTOGRAPHERS**



Who help us capture
these memories and
bring our District 50
Events to Life



Your dedication allows
all of us to share in the
excitement celebrate
our service and preserve
the special moments
for years to come.



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