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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, HAWAII

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

Club Charter Anniversaries

August 29
 Moanalua - 1961

August 31
 Kamehameha - 1948



Aloha District 50 Lions, Leos, and Ohana,

108th Lions International Convention

July began in spectacular fashion in the beautiful city of Hong Kong, where eighteen Lions from Hawai'i proudly represented District 50 at the 108th Lions International Convention. Hong Kong is a must see destination, a beautiful and vibrant city with amazing culture, iconic attractions, and world-class restaurants.



The convention was held at the AsiaWorld-Expo, while the District Governors-Elect stayed at the Sheraton Hotels on beautiful Lantau Island. Thursday and Friday were devoted to leadership training, where I had the privilege of learning alongside fellow District Governors-Elect under the guidance of our group leader, PDG Mark Piva. I enjoyed the camaraderie that was shared with my fellow DGEs in Group 26.



On Friday, many of the Hawai'i Lions ventured into the exhibit hall, visiting the Lions Store, Innovation City, and numerous Lions International exhibits.

Saturday featured the first Plenary Session and ended with an unforgettable International Show that included the colorful Lions Flag Ceremony, an inspiring performance by the China Disabled People's Art Troupe, and a memorable concert by Grammy Award-winning musician Ricky Kej.

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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 Sept. issue by Aug. 25th to
leoliona@hawaiilions.org
Lion Renee Ako, Editor

Sunday included the second Plenary Session and another opportunity to visit the exhibit hall. Many of us also registered for the 109th Lions International Convention, which will be held in Washington, D.C., from July 2–6, 2027.

Monday featured our final visit to the exhibits, excellent educational seminars, the Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon, and the Closing Plenary Session.



Important Actions from the Convention

During the convention, delegates also approved several important changes that will affect Lions worldwide. International dues will increase to \$50 this Lions year, Constitutional Area I will lose two International Director positions, and the Status Quo period for clubs has been reduced from 120 days to 90 days, requiring clubs to meet their obligations more quickly to avoid revocation of their charter.

Fellowship Beyond the Convention

Monday evening, PID Bob Lee and Lion Pam Lee graciously hosted our Hawai'i delegation for an outstanding dinner at a wonderful tapas restaurant. The food was exceptional, but even better was the fellowship shared among friends.

On Tuesday, many Hawai'i Lions participated in the World Record Tai Chi event, enjoyed lunch with PID Bob and Lion Pam, and attended the International Officers Meet and Greet before saying farewell. It was sad to leave such a beautiful city and the many Lions friends we had made from around the world.

Service Continues Across Hawai'i

While some of us were in Hong Kong, many District 50 Lions were proudly serving at home, participating in

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celebrations for America's 250th Fourth of July and continuing service projects throughout our communities.

July also marked the beginning of a new Lions year. Across District 50, clubs are already hard at work serving their communities, planning new projects, recruiting members, and preparing for another outstanding year of service.

Celebrating our Clubs

Congratulations to the **Moanalua Lions Club** and the **Kamehameha Lions Club** as they celebrate their Charter Anniversaries in August. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service to your communities.

August Lions Focus

August is Children's Eye Health and Safety Month, reminding us of one of Lions' most important missions. Please look for opportunities to educate families, provide vision screenings, and promote healthy eyesight for our keiki.

August 12 is International Youth Day, a wonderful opportunity to celebrate and support our youth programs. Please remember to encourage your Leo Clubs, invite young people to serve, and continue growing the next generation of Lions leaders.

Growing our Membership

Finally, congratulations to every club that has added new members. Set goals, stay active in your community, look for people who have a heart to serve, keep membership applications available, invite prospective members to join, conduct meaningful induction ceremonies, and most importantly, mentor every new Lion so they become engaged members of your club 'ohana.

Mahalo

Mahalo for everything you do for District 50 and for your communities throughout Hawai'i. Together, let us continue to Serve, Engage, and Energize as we make this Lions year one of our very best.



With Aloha,
District Governor Cedric Mitsui
District 50 Hawai'i Lions



District 50 Angels Thank You for Your Service!

We Will
Miss You!



Melissa Lynn Kerr
Koloa Lions Club
3 Years as a Lion
Services: Hanapepe Congregational
Church, **Date: June 27, 2026**
Service Time: 10:00am



Melvin "Mel" Kunimoto
Hilo Waiakea Lions Club
47 years as a Lion
Services: Dodo Mortuary, Hilo
Service Date: July 25, 2026
Service Time: 4:00-4:30pm



Leslie "Les" Yamashita
Honolulu Aloha Pono Lions Club
1.5 yrs. as a Lion
PRIVATE SERVICES



Miu Lan Oman
Honolulu Aloha Pono Lions Club
26 years as a Lion
Services: Church of Jesus Christ
Of Latter-Day Saints
Service Date: July 30, 2026
Service Time: 10:00am



Donald "Don" Yamato
Honolulu Kalakaua and
Kapolei City Lions Clubs
45 years as a Lion
Services: Hawaiian Memorial
Park Chapel
Service Date: July 9, 2026
Service Time: 10:00am

Remembering Waiakea Lion Melvin Kunimoto

September 26, 1947 – May 30, 2026



Lion Mel joined **Waiakea Lions** in September 1978, sponsored by Past International Director Herb Watanabe — and from that day forward, he simply showed up. For 47 years, if there was a project to run, a table to set up, or a hand needed anywhere, Lion Mel was there. That quiet, steady presence is a gift that every club depends on, and ours was blessed to have it for so long.

Over the years, Lion Mel served as Club President (1992–1993) and as a Club Director for many years — but his leadership was never limited to a title. He led by example, through consistency, reliability, and a willingness to do whatever the club needed.

His dedication did not go unnoticed. He was honored with the President's Achievement Award (2013–2015), the Outstanding Director Award (2015–2016), the Officer Appreciation Award (2018–2019), and the Member Appreciation Award (2021–2024) — recognition spanning decades that reflects a lifetime of showing up for his fellow Lions and his community.

Most recently, on April 22, 2026 — just weeks before his passing — Lion Mel was presented with LCI's highest individual honor, the Melvin Jones Fellowship, complete with plaque and pin, by Past International President Brian Sheehan. The presentation took place at Hilo Benioff Medical Center, where Lion Mel was joined by his beloved wife, CIS Diane Kunimoto, as well as CIS Lori Sheehan, PID Bob and CIS Pam Lee, PDG Gary Nip, IPDG Lori Inouye-Yamashita, DG Sean Benito, FVDG Cedric Mitsui, and Lion Wayne Kuwaye. It is a moment we are deeply grateful he was able to experience — surrounded by distinguished Lions leaders and, most importantly, by those who loved him — a fitting recognition for a lifetime of faithful service.

Lion Mel, you were the kind of Lion that makes a club whole. We are grateful for every year you gave us.

Submitted with love and aloha by the Waiakea Lions Club



Lion Mel, CIS Diane, PDG Gary & IPDG Lori



DISTRICT 50 DIRECTORY 2026-2027

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or **Send a Message of Support!**

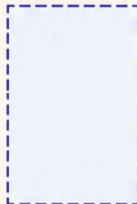
Your advertisement will appear in the District 50 Directory, a valuable resource used by Lions throughout Hawai'i all year long.

AD SIZES (CAMERA READY)

FULL PAGE

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3.75" W x 5.5" H

\$150



HALF PAGE

BLACK & WHITE
3.75" W x 2.75" H

\$75



CAMERA-READY AD REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ PDF preferred
- ✓ High-resolution JPG accepted
- ✓ Exact ad dimensions required
- ✓ Ads subject to approval



AD SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All ads and payment must be received by:

AUGUST 15, 2026



SUBMIT CAMERA-READY ADS TO:

Lion Gavin Hall



QUESTIONS?

Lion Gavin Hall



PAYMENT INFORMATION

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District 50 Hawaii Lions

Mail payment to:

Lion Seleste Tai

Support District 50 while
PROMOTING YOUR CLUB OR BUSINESS!
Reserve Your Ad Today!

Don't Forget to Register

Lions Club of Honolulu 100th Anniversary Gala October 10, 2026



Join us as we honor 100 years of service, history and community impact. The Gala Celebration is coming soon at the Hyatt Regency Waikiki. Please register early to secure your spot, as space is limited and registration will officially close on September 1, 2026.

[Click Here to REGISTER](#)



LIONS
DISTRICT 50
HAWAII

1ST CABINET Meeting

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2026

9:00 AM

KEY PROJECT
KANE'ŌHE, HAWAII

LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE \$7

PREORDER BY
AUGUST 3, 2026

TO LION JACI

All Members Welcome!

Don't Miss the Deadline!

Please submit your
photos, announcements
and **articles** for the
September issue

by

AUGUST 25TH

to
leoliona@hawaiiions.org

Photo Submissions for the D50 Website

Submitted by Lion Irwin Santos, Public Relations

We are reaching out to the District Club members in requesting photos which will be used on the District 50 website. If you wish to showcase your efforts, start sending original uncropped high-resolution photos. See photo & submission guide below. Here's what we're looking for:

Individual Club & District Service Project, Fundraiser or Celebratory Event

Send us photo(s) which best represent the event. Include Club Name, photo and a brief description in 10 words or less.

SUBMISSION GUIDE

Email: irwin@isle-cc.com

Subject: CLUB NAME: Adopt a Highway OR Eyeglass Collection (**Arbitrary examples**)

Attach your images: **Max email size is 10mb.** 2 high resolution photos should fit in a single email. If you have multiple photos for the district project, create additional emails to send your collection

Body: Brief description of event.

Photo Guide: (**IMPORTANT**)

ORIENTATION: Landscape only. If an image is submitted vertically, it will NOT be used.

SHOW ACTION & TELL A STORY: A picture is worth a thousand words, right? That's because a good photo tells a story. Someone is doing something and the beholder of the photo can immediately discern what that is. Editors dread the "grip and grin" in which a person receives an award or a handshake. We'd prefer those who received the award **in action**, performing the feat that earned the honor. Lions are known for their service, so show them in action.

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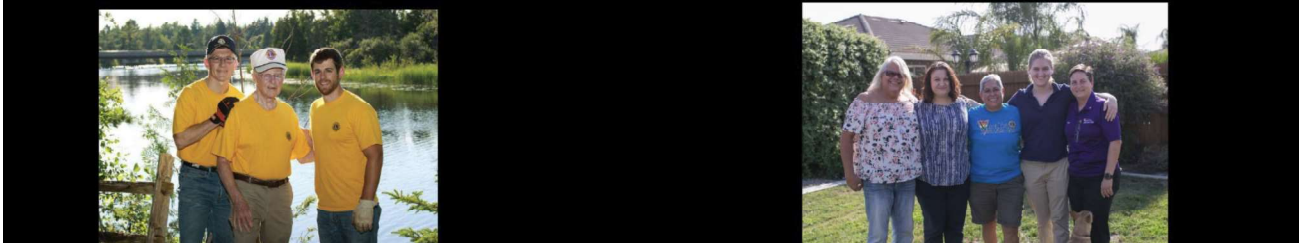


WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

THESE 3 PICS ARE ACCEPTABLE



MEH - THESE ARE BORING. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING ELSE WE WILL USE THEM





HONG KONG 2026

108th Lions International Convention



Submitted by PID Robert Lee



Mahalo to all those Lions from Hawaii who weathered the humidity and rains in Hong Kong to attend the 2026 Lions International Convention and witness the installation of Dr. Cedric Mitsui as our District Governor for fiscal year 2026-2027.

Most of the Hawaii delegation stayed on Kowloon, approximately 22 miles from the convention center, the AsiaWorld-Expo (AWE) on Lantau Island. Unfortunately in traffic, the shuttles took about an hour each way. We spent way too many hours in the shuttles.

With the cancellation of the Parade of

Nations and other schedule changes, the Convention dragged on longer than needed and attendance at the Plenary sessions suffered as a result. While 16,000 Lions were expected to attend, the Expo seemed rather empty during the three plenary sessions held there.

Registration began on Friday morning, July 3 at a rather empty AWE arena, with the exhibit hall starting to fill by late afternoon.

Saturday was the Opening Plenary session with President A.P. Singh, who highlighted Mission 1.5 and membership growth during the past year. It ended with a question & answer session with Lion A.P. which felt orchestrated and fell flat. The business session, which introduces the candidates for international director was held in the afternoon. The Grammy Award winning Indian music composer Ricky Kej and his band were the headliners for the International Show on Saturday night.



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The Second Plenary session began on Sunday morning with more of the same Mission 1.5 highlights from the day before, then transitioned to Immediate Past International President Fabricio Oliveira and the Lions Clubs International Foundation. The highlight of the LCIF presentation was the awarding of the Lions Humanitarian Award and the \$250,000 grant to Khalsa Aid International and its founder, Ravinder Singh. Khalsa Aid provides humanitarian aid in disaster and civil conflict zones around the world. The Past International Officers Banquet was held later in the evening.

We were free Monday morning to visit the exhibit hall and to vote, prior to the Melvin Jones Fellowship Luncheon. Then the Final Plenary session was held in the late afternoon. The keynote speaker was Mahatria Ra, a noted Indian author who spoke about purpose, responsibility and holistic growth. This was followed by the results of the election and the swearing in of our new International President, Lion Mark Lyon.

We helped set a Tai Chi world record on Tuesday morning, for having participants from the most continents at one gathering. We realized that it was nothing more than a last minute time filler, but a fun one. Most of the Hawaii Lions left on Wednesday morning to continue on to other destinations – China, Japan, Korea, Thailand and parts unknown.

With the light attendance, we were able to sit together during the plenary sessions and got together for meals on

several occasions. Mahalo to Lion Kendrick Chang, our District International Convention Chair, for helping to find and making arrangements for the gatherings. This was made a little more difficult than expected, due to the fact that we were spread out between Kowloon and Lantau, and the hour-long shuttle trips in between.



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Even with the inclement weather and the shuttles, we were able to complete the required business of the convention. Nominations and elections of our international officers were conducted, and the proposed constitutional amendments were voted on and approved, with the following results:

Executive Officers: President Mark Lyon, USA
 First Vice President - Manoj Shah, Kenya
 Second Vice President - Tony Benbow, Australia
 Third Vice President - C. Robert Rettby, Switzerland

The International Directors from Constitutional Area 1 – the USA, its affiliates, Bermuda and the Bahamas:

Lion Jim Barbare – South Carolina; Lion Gregory Crapo – Mississippi;
 Lion Diana Castillo – Florida; Lion Kathleen Dorman – Vermont;
 Lion Daniel Marney Elkins – Delaware.

And thirteen additional Directors were elected, each from their respective global Constitutional Areas. This year, we have 18 first year and 17 second year directors for a total of 35 International Directors, along with a number of Board appointees.

Three (3) proposed amendments were voted on and adopted by the required number of votes:

1. Past District Governors granted voting rights by a District or Multiple District are required to be members of a club in Good-standing in order to vote by virtue of title.
2. An increase of \$1.00 to our Semi-annual International dues, to be phased in over five (5) consecutive years beginning in Fiscal Year 2028-2029. Thus, an increase of \$10 by 2032.
3. An increase in the total number of International Directors by one and a reduction of Board Appointees by One. Also redistributing Director positions by reducing the number of Directors from Constitutional Area 1 (US) by one in both even and odd years; adding one Director in even years for Constitutional Area 3 (Latin America); and adding two Directors in odd years for Constitutional Area 5 (ISAME). The net result is the loss of two Directors from CA 1 (US).



As some of you are aware, our International President Mark and Lion Lyn Lyon will be our international guests at our District 50 Convention in April, 2027. The highlight of the Hong Kong Convention was the unveiling of Lion Mark's theme for this year – **“Rooted in Service”**, a return to the fundamentals on which our association was based on – SERVICE. I invite all of you to log on to the [Lions International website](#) and to learn more about **“Strengthening our Roots: “Get Back to our Roots”** – embrace our past and our future by focusing on service, and the joy and the purpose it brings.

“Plant the Seed” – grow our impact and our potential by inviting others to join and plant the seed for growth.

“Let our Leadership Shine” – highlight our service by advocating for the people and causes we serve, and expand our outreach by connecting with other community stakeholders and partners.

“Lean on our Global Foundation” – strengthen our service and thrive with support from our Lions Clubs International Foundation, while ensuring our global impact with our support.

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“Service is the foundation of Lions. It’s who we are and what we do. Our roots run deep – stretching far and wide to build lasting connections and strengthen our world. Every time we serve, our roots grow stronger and deeper.” So let’s cultivate and strengthen our roots through service this year.

One of the highlights of every convention is the swearing-in of the new District Governors at the end of the final plenary session, and the ribbon ceremony. As CIS Patti Mitsui was unable to attend, Lion Pam was asked to pull the ribbon instead. Even though the final session ran really late, we were able to rush on the shuttle and make our dinner reservations at the Shangri-La Kowloon to celebrate the special occasion with DG Dr. Cedric. Congratulations, but it’s just the start of a very busy time ahead. We look forward to a great year!

For Pam and me, the Hong Kong Convention failed to live up to expectations. The changes mandated by the Chinese government and the long hours spent on the shuttles certainly affected my negative reaction. However, for us these events have become more of an annual reunion with my International Lions Ohana, those officers and directors we served on the Board with. In that light, the trip was certainly worth the effort.



REGISTER NOW!

Lions International Convention | Washington, D.C., USA | July 2-6, 2027



**Lions Club of
Honolulu**

Welcome to our New Lions!

**Lion Philip
Huang**



Sponsor:
Lion Gordon Lee

**Lion Edward
Vergara**



Sponsor:
Lion Jesse Navarrete

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.

SAVE THE DATE!



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Applications will be available in the next issue.

Message from FVDG Lion Tony Tassillio

Aloha DG, SVDG, PID, PDGs, Lions, CIS, and our entire District 50 'Ohana,

Mahalo nui loa for your hard work and service to the people of Hawai'i and beyond. A special mahalo to DG Lion Cedric for representing District 50 and Hawai'i in Hong Kong as our new District Governor. Thank you as well to all of the Hawai'i Lions who made the trip to support our District Governor.

As we begin this new Lions year, please remember to share your Lions Aloha wherever you go. Have fun while serving! Together, we are stronger. Together, we accomplish more.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me.

Mahalo Nui Loa,
FVDG Lion Anthony "Tony" Tassillio



Around the District with FVDG Lion Tony



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Highlights of Service with First Vice District Governor Lion Tony

- Visited Akaka Falls, Hamakua, Waimea, and Kona Lions Club General Meetings
- Participated in the 250th Fourth of July Parade Celebration
- Attended Officers Installations for the Hilo Crescent City, Hamakua, and Waiakea Lions Clubs
- Celebrated the Kona Leo Club Scholarship Program
- Welcomed new members at the Hamakua Lions Club Induction Ceremony
- Honored the life of Waiakea Lion Mel at his memorial service
- Participated in Hunger Relief, Eyeglass Collection, Community Cleanup, and Clothes Washing Service Projects
- Attended First Vice District Governor Leadership and Learning Classes



Second Vice District Governor David Iwana Shares Vision for a Stronger District 50

As District 50 Hawai'i begins the 2026–2027 Lions year under District Governor Dr. Cedric Mitsui and his theme "Serve • Engage • Energize," I will focus on strengthening clubs, developing leaders, and increasing service throughout the district. I reaffirm my commitment to supporting the District Governor to ensure every club has the resources and encouragement needed to thrive. In the past month, I had the privilege to attend the LCI Mission 1.5 Summit, where the US Global Action Teams gathered to develop strategies to improve membership. Many concepts and ideas can be implemented here in Hawaii.

My priorities this year include:

- visiting clubs across the district
- building strong relationships with club officers and members
- supporting LCI's Mission 1.5 initiative by encouraging membership growth
- exploring opportunities to charter new clubs
- leadership development, promoting attendance to the Regional Lions Leadership Institute

Service remains at the heart of my vision. I encourage clubs to expand hands-on community service, coordinate with neighboring clubs and zones, and celebrate successful projects that demonstrate the impact of Lions serving their communities. By working together and supporting one another, District 50 Hawai'i will continue to build on its tradition of service while preparing the next generation of Lions leaders.

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

HEALTH & Wellness

SEMINAR

SUNDAY
AUGUST 16TH
6:30 P.M.

ZOOM PRESENTATION

PRESENTER: LION DR. JAMES YAMASHITA

OSTEOPOROSIS

We Serve

Best Practices

with PDG Cecelia Izuo

Presenter:
Lion Lee Morris
Global Membership Chair

"Membership Matters"

Monday, August 24th
at 6:30 p.m.
Zoom Presentation

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

We Serve.

Look for the Zoom links in an upcoming email.



District 50 Lions

2026-2027

Lions Sight Program

Submitted by Lion Dr. Roger Ede, Chair

The underlined text throughout this article contains clickable links. Simply click any underlined word or phrase to access additional information and helpful resources.

The new school year is coming up. District 50 Lions Sight Program Committee has been diligently assisting and encouraging clubs to coordinate school vision screenings and/or provide manpower for other clubs. Here is a [link](#) to the 2026-2027 Master Calendar.

Lions Sight Program Committee is in the process of updating the Hawaii Lions District 50 website. All updated vision screening resources/info will be posted by July 31, 2026.

If your club has not done vision screening in schools before and is interested in starting a vision screening program, check with the Hawaii Lions District 50 Lions Sight Program Committee. If you have any questions or need help, contact us (See Lions Sight Program Committee list).

D50 Vision Screening Guidelines:

Based on updated DOH [HRS §321-101](#) mandate, DOH developed Recommended Standards for Vision Screening in Hawaii Schools. Various organizations in the Vision Screening Advisory Group (VSAG) who serviced public and/or private schools, met between August 2022-April 2023. The VSAG was urged to follow one of the three (3) approved Protocols by the DOH Recommended Vision Screening standards using an annual [screening schedule](#) including grades to be screened.

Three (3) Approved Protocols:

- **Protocol 3: Dual-Modality Screening** **[Recommended]**
 - Used for grades K – 1
 - Use both photoscreener/autorefractors (SPOT or Plusoptix)
 - See link for [Protocol 3 Flow Chart](#)
- **Protocol 2: Photoscreening/Autorefractor Screening:**
 - Used for screening Preschoolers 2 - 5 year olds
 - Use recommended photoscreener/autorefractor (SPOT/PLUSOPTIX)
 - And/or children unable to comprehend or cooperate with a traditional VA Chart screening
 - See link for [Protocol 2 Flow Chart](#)

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- **Protocol 1: Traditional Wall Chart VA Screening:**
 - Use Flip Charts (Lea Symbols) at 5 feet for ages 3 – 5
 - Use Sloan letters for grades K – 12 at 10 feet
 - See link for [Protocol 1 Flow Chart](#)

Vision Screening Set Up for Photoscreener/Autorefractor and Visual Acuity Wall Chart

Station #1: Photoscreener/autorefractor



Station #2: Visual Acuity Wall Chart



WHAT'S NEW IN VISION SCREENING?

- DOH and Children with Special Health Needs Branch under guidance of Dr. Dale Matsumoto-Oi, releases funds for Vision Screening Equipment
- July 1, 2026, \$14,950 to purchased/received Vision Screening equipment and supplies
 - Two (2) SPOT vision screeners
 - One (1) Brother label printer
 - Two (2) lithium batteries
 - Thirty-two (32) Sloan visual (VA) charts
 - Eight (8) Lea Symbol VA Charts
 - Thirty-two (32) plastic occluders
 - Thirty-six hundred (3,600) disposable eye patches (for students under 10 yrs. old)

Equipment ready for distribution across Hawaii District 50. Here is a link for [equipment](#) and use of [disposable occluders](#).

- DOH new referral reporting, Eye Doctor Report, Follow-up Management, and Data Analysis
 - Agreement between DOH and DOE. School staff to our Lions Consent/Results forms for students who were referred for follow-up doctor visit
 - DOH, through the Attorney General's Office, approved [Protocol 3 Consent Form](#) , [Protocol 2 Consent Form](#), and [Protocol 1 Consent Form](#).
 - School staff will also attach **approved** [Eye Doctor's Report](#) that will be sent home with the Lions' Consent/Results form for parental action.

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- DOH contracted LDAH (Leadership in Disabilities and Achievement Hawaii) to provide “Case Management” services. They will contact parents who fail to return their child’s Eye Doctor Report.
- DOH will analyze the screening results data and follow-up Eye Doctor Report’s Results for reporting to legislature and/or for future use in amending or updating Hawaii’s Lions Sight Program.

SEEKING **ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**



Any current
D50 Lion

for **D50 Lions Sight Program Committee!**



Prospective Lions
(join as a regular Lions member) such as:
practicing optometrists,
ophthalmologists,
opticians, certified
orthoptist, and other
eyecare professionals



Additional members
sought to serve on
the Lions Sight
Committee as a
resource for Lions
vision screening on
every island in our state

Working together

TO IMPROVE VISION.

CHANGING LIVES ON EVERY ISLAND.

— The members of the — **D50 LIONS SIGHT **PROGRAM COMMITTEE**** *are:*



**CHANGING LIVES
ON EVERY ISLAND.**



Lion Dr. Roger Ede, Chair D50 Lions Sight Program



Lion Gavin Hall, Sub-Chair: Manpower/Data Coordinator, and Plusoptix Liaison



Lion Gail Kono, Sub-Chair: Volunteer Screening Instructions, Screening Layout



Lion Frank Nakamoto, Sub-Chair: Handbook/Forms Developer and SPOT



Lion DG Dr. Cedric Mitsui, ex-officio member



District 50 "100 Years of Service" Campaign



Frequently Asked Questions

Why is District 50 promoting "100 Years of Service"?

- 2027 marks an extraordinary milestone—the 100th Anniversary of the Lions Club of Honolulu, the first Lions club in Hawai'i and the beginning of Lions service throughout District 50.
- This is a once-in-a-century opportunity for every club to celebrate our shared history, increase public awareness of Lions, and showcase the impact of service across Hawai'i.

Is this only for the Lions Club of Honolulu?

No. While the Lions Club of Honolulu will promote its own Centennial Celebration and Charter Gala, this campaign is intended for **every Lions club in District 50**. Together we can highlight 100 Years of Lions Service in Hawai'i.

What is the goal of this campaign?

The goal is to create a consistent, recognizable message across District 50 that:

- Celebrates 100 years of Lions service.
- Raises public awareness of Lions.
- Promotes local club activities.
- Encourages membership growth.
- Demonstrates the collective impact of Lions throughout Hawai'i.

Where can I download the artwork?

The complete artwork package is available at: <https://www.hawaiilions.org/100-years-of-service/>. The ZIP file includes multiple high-resolution graphics suitable for print and digital use.

What artwork is included?

The package contains artwork for many different purposes, including:

- General-purpose "100 Years of Service" graphics
- Celebration and Charter Anniversary artwork
- Vision
- Hunger
- Diabetes
- Childhood Cancer
- Environment
- Youth
- Humanitarian Service (male and female versions)
- Disaster Relief (male and female versions)



Hunger Awareness

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How can our club use these graphics?

You are encouraged to use them on:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Club websites
- Event flyers
- Posters
- Newsletters
- Press releases
- Presentation slides
- Email announcements
- Banners and displays
- Promotional materials



Diabetes



Disaster Relief

Are we required to use these graphics?

No. Each club is free to choose how it wishes to promote its activities. However, District 50 strongly encourages clubs to adopt this artwork during the Centennial year so we present a unified public image across Hawai'i. As always: **Your Club. Your Way.** Together, however, we can make a much greater impact.

Can we still use the regular Lions logo?

Absolutely. The standard Lions emblem and logo may continue to be used on all club materials. The Centennial artwork is intended to complement—not replace—existing Lions branding.

Why should clubs use these graphics?

Using a consistent visual identity helps:

- Build public recognition.
- Strengthen the Lions brand.
- Increase awareness of our service.
- Show that District 50 is celebrating together.
- Create greater impact through unified messaging.

When many clubs use the same campaign theme, the public begins to recognize it wherever they see Lions serving.

Can clubs continue using their own branding?

Yes. This campaign is intended to complement your club's existing identity—not replace it. Feel free to combine these graphics with your club logo, event branding, and local messaging.

Who should we contact if we have questions?

Please contact Lion Irwin Santos, D50 Public Relations at irwinsantos@hawaiiions.org if you need assistance downloading, using, or adapting the artwork for your club's promotional materials.

Let's Celebrate Together

Every service project, fundraiser, vision screening, food drive, youth activity, environmental project, and community event is an opportunity to proudly tell the public: **Celebrating 100 Years of Lions Service in Hawai'i.** Together, let's make 2027 a year that honors our past while inspiring the next century of service.



The Lion Portal

PDG Eric Nordmeier
District Global Service Team Coordinator
District Staff Administrator

Important Guidelines: Registering and Reporting in the New Lion Portal

Why Register for the Lion Portal?

While it is not mandatory, every Lion and Leo should register for access to the Lion Portal. Club officers, in particular, will benefit immensely from using the portal to input data, extract reports, take classes, and more.

Reporting Service Activities

Moving forward, all club-approved service activities must be reported in the Lion Portal. If your club already shares activities through correspondence or social media, please ensure those projects are also officially logged in the portal. Lions International monitors these entries to track our district's community participation.

Reporting is Simple

The reporting process is straightforward. Clubs can report under eight distinct global causes, as well as an "Administration" option for club meetings.

Reporting Guidelines

To help ensure accurate data entry, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

Club Meetings & Planning

Administrative events, such as regular meetings, can be logged under the **Administration** option. For example, if your club meets twice a month, log these as service activities under Administration. Pre-event and post-event planning meetings for projects can also be reported here.

Provide Detailed Descriptions

When logging an event, be descriptive. Include what the event was, how many members participated, and the final outcome.

Select the Appropriate Global Cause

For actual project execution, select the appropriate global cause (e.g., logging a diabetes screening project under the "Diabetes" cause).

Reporting Single-Club Activities

For projects run by a single club, report the total number of people served (an approximate number is fine if the exact count isn't available).

Reporting Multi-Club Activities

To ensure Lions International receives accurate data, we must avoid double-counting. If multiple clubs collaborate on a project that serves 230 people, all 230 people cannot be claimed by every participating club. Before inputting the data, please consult with the other participating clubs to decide how the metrics will be shared—either by designating one club to report the total people served, or by dividing the total number equitably among the participants.

Thank you for your leadership and for keeping our district's records accurate as we utilize this digital tool.

Service activities reported by Lions and Leo Clubs are listed on the following page.

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Lions Clubs**Leo Clubs**

Reflects service activities reported/not reported in the Lion Portal as of July 20, 2026.

Region	Zone	No. Of Clubs	Reported	Did Not Report
Region 1	Zone 1	6	2	4
Region 2	Zone 1	3	0	3
Region 2	Zone 2	3	0	3
Region 3	Zone 1	5	0	5
Region 3	Zone 2	4	0	4
Region 4	Zone 1	6	3	3
Region 4	Zone 2	5	1	4
Region 5	Zone 1	6	2	4
Region 6	Zone 1	3	0	3
Region 6	Zone 2	3	0	3
Region 7	Zone 1	4	1	3
Region 8	Zone 1	3	0	3
Region 8	Zone 2	3	3	0
Region 9	Zone 1	3	0	3

Region	Zone	No. Of Clubs	Reported	Did Not Report
Region 1	Zone 1	2	0	2
Region 2	Zone 1	2	0	2
Region 2	Zone 2	2	0	2
*Region 3	Zone 1	0	0	0
Region 3	Zone 2	2	0	2
Region 4	Zone 1	6	1	5
Region 4	Zone 2	3	0	3
Region 5	Zone 1	3	0	3
Region 6	Zone 1	2	0	2
Region 6	Zone 2	1	0	1
Region 7	Zone 1	4	0	3
*Region 8	Zone 1	0	0	0
Region 8	Zone 2	1	0	1
*Region 9	Zone 1	0	0	0

*No Leo Clubs



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LIONS CLUBS OF HAWAII
DISTRICT 50

Aloha Pono Lions Club

Every service project you report tells the story of
Lions
making a *difference!*

Make sure your club's impact is counted!

SERVE your community | **REPORT** your projects | **COUNT** your impact

Together, we create change that lasts. | *We Serve.*


Lions Helping Lions

Have you mastered the Lion Portal?

Share your knowledge with another Lion!

Last month, the **Kapolei City Lions Club** helped the **Waianae Lions Club** learn how to report service activities. See the full story in this issue.

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Maximizing the Lion Portal: Resources & Appointing Club Administrators

The highlighted and underlined text in this article contains clickable links. Simply click any underlined word or phrase to access additional information and helpful resources.

To ensure our clubs run smoothly and stay connected, we encourage all Lions and Leos to familiarize themselves with the wealth of downloadable information, documents, and reports available at lionsclubs.org. Additionally, please get to know the features, reports, and submission tools available directly on the [Lion Portal Login Page](#).

Why Use the Lion Portal?

While registering for the Lion Portal is not mandatory, every Lion will benefit from accessing it. Club officers will find it invaluable for data input and extracting reports.

With the Lion Portal you can:

- Update club and member information
- Add or remove members
- Report service activities
- View club reports and membership data
- Access LCI forms, resources, and tools

Need Help? Appoint a Lions Club Administrator

We recognize that navigating new digital tools can sometimes be challenging. To assist officers who may need help with technology, Lions Clubs International created the role of the Lions Club Administrator.

While this is an appointed helper position rather than a formally elected officer role, it grants full access to the Lion Portal.

A Club Administrator can support the president and secretary by managing the following key tasks:

- **Tech Support:** Navigating and operating the Lion Portal on behalf of the club.
- **Member Management:** Adding or dropping club members in the system.
- **Service Tracking:** Logging and reporting community service activities.
- **Accountability:** Accessing LCI resources and monitoring club dues or financial records.

How to Appoint an Administrator

To officialize this role, the club president and secretary must jointly agree on the selection and officially assign the administrator within the member system.

A Small Step That Makes a Big Difference

Utilizing these resources and appointing a club administrator where needed will greatly reduce the administrative burden on our leadership teams and ensure our service is accurately recorded.

Thank you for your continued dedication and leadership.

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Action Required: Report Incoming Officers and Appoint Your Membership Chairperson

Has your club reported its incoming officers for the new Lions year?

Lions Clubs International (LCI) is currently identifying clubs that have **not yet reported their incoming officers**, including:

- **Club President**
- **Treasurer**
- **Secretary**
- **Membership Chairperson.**

If your club has not yet submitted its officer slate, please log in to the [Lion Portal](#) and enter your assignments as soon as possible. Reporting your officers promptly ensures uninterrupted access to LCI resources, administrative support, and critical district communications.

Don't Forget Your Membership Chairperson

While all officer roles are vital to a well-functioning club, the **Club Membership Chairperson** is one of the most important roles in your club.

A strong Membership Chairperson helps your club grow, remain active, and welcome new Lions into service.

What Does the Membership Chairperson Do?

- **Grow the club** by inviting and recruiting new members.
- **Keep members engaged** by helping create a welcoming, enjoyable club experience.
- **Welcome new Lions** through orientation and mentoring.
- **Work with the Global Action Team (GAT)** to connect membership growth with meaningful service projects.

Why Reporting This Position Matters

If your Membership Chairperson is **not reported in the Lion Portal**, LCI and the District Global Membership Team (GMT) cannot provide:

- Membership training
- Recruitment resources and toolkits
- Prospective member leads
- Ongoing guidance and support

Reporting this position ensures your Membership Chairperson receives the tools needed to help your club thrive.

What You Need to Do

1. **Log in to the [Lion Portal](#).**
2. **Go to Member Actions → Manage Club Officers.**
3. **Enter your incoming officers.**
4. **Confirm your Membership Chairperson is listed so they can begin receiving LCI resources and communications.**

Thank you for taking a few minutes to keep your club connected and ready for a successful Lions year!



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION

Lion Gary Nip & Lion Lori Inouye-Yamashita



Message from LCIF Chairperson A.P. Singh

Welcome to a new Lion year and a renewed opportunity to strengthen our impact. I am honored to serve as chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF), our global foundation, inspired by the service and leadership of Lions and Leos around the world. Celebrating LCIF's incredible reach during the 108th Lions International Convention was a proud moment. With your support, **we raised US\$85 million** for future service. We have already started this

Lion year strong, raising US\$6.5 million since July 1, including a generous US\$6 million gift from the Lions of India, presented at the conclusion of the convention.

Our foundation is a resource for membership growth. Lions service, with support from LCIF, provides an opportunity to attract new members. I hope this newsletter inspires you to donate, apply for grants and share LCIF's impact. I look forward to a successful year.



Lions Clubs International FOUNDATION



How we, District 50 – Hawai'i did in FY25-26:

In FY25-26 our cash goal given to us by LCIF = \$50,192. We donated \$60,446.50 **AWESOME**
 FY24-25 we had 313 Lions donate. FY25-26 we had 288 Lions donate. **ALMOST**
 FY24-25 we had 44 Lions Clubs donate. FY25-26 we had 49 Lions Clubs donate. **AWESOME**

PLEASE DONATE ANY AMOUNT TO LCIF

BY CHECK: PAYABLE TO LCIF

Mail to: Lions Clubs International Foundation
 Department 4547
 Carol Stream, IL 60122-4547 USA

ONLINE:

Donate Now



Hawaii Lions Foundation

A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia

No task is too great when done together.

Aloha Fellow Lions,

As we close another remarkable year of service and begin a new one, our Trustees who serve on the Board of the Hawaii Lions Foundation want to extend our heartfelt mahalo to every Lion, Leo, volunteer, donor, and community partner who has supported the D50 Lions and our Hawaii Lions Foundation. Because of your generosity and commitment, we are able to continue to strengthen our mission of service, improving lives throughout Hawai'i.

This past year has been one of progress and renewal. Together, we continued providing service to our communities, strengthened our partnerships, and expanded opportunities to support projects that address emerging needs across our islands. Lions were able to use Disaster Relief funding to respond to the recent Kona-low flooding, primarily on Oahu and Molokai. We also celebrated the dedication of our Lions whose countless hours of service remind us that the true strength of who we are as Lions is found in the hearts of our D50 Lions.

Congratulations to the 14 honorees of the inaugural class of the District 50 Hall of Fame inducted at the first HLF Breakfast.

The opportunities before us are exciting. We will continue supporting the D50 activities, expanding our Grants-in-Aid program to empower local community projects, strengthening emergency preparedness efforts, supporting youth initiatives, and building partnerships that increase our collective impact.

A'ohe hana nui ke alu 'ia

No task is too great when done together.

Mahalo for all that you do.

With deepest appreciation and warmest Aloha.

Hawaii Lions Foundation

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District 50 Lions Promote Diabetes Awareness Across Hawai'i

Submitted by

IPDG Bruddah Sean (Hilo Crescent City Lions Club), Lion Aileen Deese (Aloha Pono Lions Club), Lion Puna Lee Nouchi (Kapolei City Lions Club) & Lion Paul Seto (Kahului Lions Club)

On Saturday, July 25, Lions from District 50 Hawai'i reached communities on multiple islands through Diabetes Awareness outreach events at Walmart stores.

In Hilo, Lions from **Region VII, Zone 1** hosted a Diabetes Health Fair, sharing educational materials and encouraging healthier lifestyles.

On Maui, the **Lions Club of Maui** hosted a District Diabetes Health Fair at Walmart. The event was supported by Walmart Pharmacy Manager Jean and her team, along with Anna from the Vision Center, who provided free giveaways for attendees. **Maui Lions** also welcomed a new member, Kenui, and enjoyed meeting two visiting Lions from Germany.

On O'ahu, members of the **Aloha Pono, Koko Head, Kapolei City, and Wai'anae Lions Clubs** participated in wellness events at Walmart Keeaumoku and Walmart Kapolei, distributing diabetes and pre-diabetes information along with wellness goodie bags containing educational materials, sugar-free candy, Lions pens, and notepads.

The Kapolei Wellness Fair featured community partners like the National Kidney Foundation of Hawai'i, Meals on Wheels, and the Honolulu Police Department's Keiki ID program. Keiki o ka 'Āina and the Laulima Giving Program collected back-to-school supplies for local keiki.

One memorable moment came when a volunteer from the Laulima Giving Program expressed interest in joining the Lions after seeing members serving in their bright yellow Lions shirts—a reminder that the best advertisement for Lions Clubs is Lions in action.

Through these outreach events, District 50 Lions continue to promote healthy living, encourage early detection, and inspire service while making a positive impact in communities across Hawai'i.

HILO: Region VII Zone 1 Lions



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OAHU: Aloha Pono Lions & Koko Head Lions



OAHU: Kapolei City Lions & Waianae Lions



MAUI: Lions Club of Maui



Our Clubs at Work

Waiakea Lions: District 50 Leo Conference a Resounding Success

nothing short of a hit — enjoyed by Leos, faculty advisors, and Lions from across the district. Attendees were even treated to a spectacular eruption from Madame Pele on June 1st.

Behind the scenes, the **East Hawaii Lions** were hard at work from setting up the grounds to serving three meals a day. Their dedication ensured every Leo and Lion was well cared for.

Representing the **Waiakea High School Leo Club** were incoming President Raimee-Lynn Okutsu, Vice President Khloe Barrios, Treasurer Kamryn Kuramoto, immediate Past Vice President Kyan Yamashita (Class of 2026), Faculty Advisor Sean Wagner, and Lion Advisor Alan Shiraishi.

Mahalo to all the District 50 Lions who worked tirelessly to make this conference a success!

Submitted by Lion Keani Shirai, Waiakea Lions

The District 50 Leo Conference at Kilauea Military Camp (KMC) was



Kahului Lions: California Lions Team Up for Beach Clean-Up

Anne and Vice President Shellie Callaway of the **Apple Valley Sunrise Lions Club** (District 4-L5, California) joined the **Kahului Lions Club** of Maui for its monthly Beach Clean-Up Environmental Service Project, now in its fifth year.

They were joined by President PDG Joseph Pontanilla, Vice President Judith Eagle, Lion Leos Louise Polo, Nicole Galicinao, and Lion Paul Seto.

Submitted by Lion Paul Seto, Kahului Lions

On July 19, 2026, President Leigh



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Mililani Leaders4Life Lions: Kicking Off the New Year with a Community Cleanup



L-R Lions Louie, Kobey & Nick



L-R: Lions Puna, Kobey, Louie & Nick

The **Hawai'i Mililani Leaders4Life Lions Club** kicked off its new service year by volunteering at the Pacific Islands Bible Church in Mililani on Saturday, July 18th. Club President Louie Yang, Lion Kobey Arai, and new member Lion Nicklas "Nike" Matsumoto spent the morning beautifying the church grounds, while **Kapolei City Lion** Puna Lee Nouchi cleaned and organized the children's Bible classroom.

Lion Nike, who attends the church, also volunteers his time by providing sign language interpretation for a deaf child during services—an inspiring example of compassionate service both inside and outside of Lions. The club's first service activity of the year reflected their commitment to caring for their community. Good job!

Submitted by Lion Puna Nouchi, Kapolei City Lions

Ewa Beach Lions: A Successful Diaper Drive!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, the **Ewa Beach Lions Club** exceeded its goal during its Diaper Drive on June 27th, collecting a total of 3,150 diapers to benefit the Aloha Diaper Bank. Every diaper donated will assist local families in need and support the health and well-being of Hawai'i's keiki. Mahalo to everyone who donated, volunteered, or contributed to making this project a wonderful success!

Submitted by Danielle Himalaya, Ewa Beach Lions



Akaka Falls Lions Club

One Club. Many Ways to Serve.

Submitted by Lion Len Shimabukuro



Honoring our Korean War veterans, including the late Lion Hiro Shima, during the 76th Anniversary Korean War Memorial Service held in late June.



Together with fellow Zone clubs, we raised \$3,950 for Relay For Life in Hilo. A special mahalo to Leo Kadee, who raised \$178 during the night's costume contest. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause.



Members assisted with registration at the Hawai'i Island Adult Care annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser held at Hilo Municipal Golf Course.



A Christmas in July fundraiser at the Kino'ole Farmers Market helped raise funds for our upcoming Christmas Parade on November 28. Thanks to the festive performances of our talented band, cheerful carolers, and mascot Kazak, along with the generosity of our community, the event raised \$565 in just two hours!



Kahului Lions Club

Building Community at Every Meeting

Submitted by Lion Paul Seto



On July 9, 2026, the **Kahului Lions Club** held its monthly meeting featuring guest speaker Robert Garry Cooper of Mississippi, who attended with his family. They were invited by First Vice President Lion Judith Eagle. During the meeting, President Joseph Pontanilla presented Certificates of Appreciation to Melissa Eisenhart and Laura McClellan of the 'Ohana Strong 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in recognition of their informative presentation at the club's June meeting.



The **Kahului Lions Club** was recognized by the J. Walter Cameron Center as a Silver Star Volunteer for its extraordinary service in enhancing the Center's facilities and supporting its annual Special Fair. Among its many contributions was the construction and maintenance of an outdoor shower and changing facility, a project spearheaded by Past District Governor Rodney Jung in 1985.

West Kauai Lions Club

Proudly Serving Kauai

Submitted by PDG Eric Nordmeier

Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization. Established in 1917, it boasts over 1.4 million members across 48,000+ local clubs serving in more than 200 countries and geographic areas. Members dedicate themselves globally to humanitarian projects, including vision care, hunger relief, and environmental preservation.

SIX LIONS CLUBS. ONE KAUAI 'OHANA.  UNITED IN SERVICE.



There are six (6) Lions Clubs on Kauai that have been serving the Kauai communities for many years:

 WEST KAUAI	Chartered November 15, 1937	88 <i>plus years</i>
 EAST KAUAI	Chartered May 18, 1938	88 <i>plus years</i>
 KAPAA	Chartered April 1, 1955	71 <i>plus years</i>
 KOLOA	Chartered February 19, 1958	68 <i>plus years</i>
 KAUAI NORTH SHORE	Chartered June 14, 1982	44 <i>plus years</i>
 KAUAI	Chartered February 29, 2016	10 <i>plus years</i>

 **COLLECTIVELY, WE HAVE AT LEAST 170 MEMBERS**

Our Lion year runs from July 1st of the current year through June 30th of the next year. Every July 1st, the newly elected board of directors is installed to assume leadership positions in their respective clubs.

West Kauai is no exception.

The **West Kauai Lions Club** has an incredible legacy of over 88 years of service to the community. Having a dedicated board ready to step up on July 1st ensures that this long-standing tradition of humanitarian work continues seamlessly into the new Lion year.



Club Officers for July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027

Outgoing Club President Lion Jay Ford and Incoming Club President Lion Shirley Simbre-Medeiros



Hilo Crescent City Lions Club

Building the Future of Service

Submitted by IPDG Sean Benito



The **Hilo Crescent City Lions Club**

installed its 2026–2027 officers on June 30 at Ken's House of Pancakes. The ceremony was led by Past District Governor Blayne Hanagami, who encouraged the new leadership team to serve with integrity, compassion, and aloha.

Founded in 1956 by Hilo business and community leaders,

the club has served East Hawai'i for nearly 70 years and continues to build on that legacy through new leadership and youth development.

Leading the club this year is President Sheri Tajon, a Lion for just over a year. Her election reflects the confidence members have in her enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment to service. Sheri also invited her friend, Adele Arai, to experience Lions. Adele was inducted during the installation ceremony and immediately accepted the role of Treasurer, demonstrating how a simple invitation can strengthen a club. Also installed were Secretary Sean Benito, Service Chairperson Chas Lopes, and Lion Tamer Nate Tajon.

The club also proudly sponsors two Leo clubs: the **Hawai'i Young Visionaries Omega Leo Club** (chartered in 2022) and the **Hilo Crescent City Alpha Leo Club** (chartered November 15, 2021). Their leadership was evident during the 2026 District 50 Convention in Hilo, where the Alpha and Omega Leos organized and hosted the Friday Night Fun Night, making it one of the convention's highlights.

By mentoring young leaders and providing meaningful opportunities for service, the **Hilo Crescent City Lions Club** is investing in the future of Lions while continuing to serve the Hilo community.

As the club approaches its 70th anniversary, it remains committed to the mission established by its founders in 1956—serving with compassion, integrity, and aloha.

We Serve Aloha Since 1956.

Hawaii Kai Lions Club

Rescue Tubes Save Lives

Submitted by Lion Gavin Hall (Koko Head)



A recent rescue (7/02/26) at Spitting Caves in Hawaii Kai shows how rescue tubes can support shoreline safety. After a swimmer injured his arm and could not safely return to shore, three bystanders used a rescue tube to help bring him in before first responders arrived. Honolulu Ocean Safety commended the bystanders for their quick action.

The incident also points to the value of the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club's** ongoing work to maintain rescue tube stations in the community. Club members regularly inspect, repair, and replace the tubes so they are available when needed.

The Rescue Tube Program is also a hands-on service project that welcomes participation from all Lions. Lions from other clubs, including **Koko Head Lion** Gavin, have joined **Hawaii Kai Lions** members in maintaining the stations, reflecting a shared commitment to shoreline safety.

Through their support of the Rescue Tube Program, the **Hawaii Kai Lions Club** continues to serve the community and uphold the Lions motto, "We Serve."

Kapolei City Lions Club

Welcoming and Serving 158 Seniors

Submitted by Lion Puna Lee Nouchi

On June 30th, **Kapolei City Lions Club** President Trini Rita and Lions Joy Satsuma-Loo and Puna Lee Nouchi volunteered at the Senior Mixed Plate program held at the Salvation Army Kroc Center Hawai'i. They welcomed and registered 158 seniors as they arrived to enjoy a movie and an afternoon of fellowship.

Also participating were Candace Aglutay and Shay from the Walmart Kapolei Vision Center, who shared information about eyeglasses and hearing aid options available through their vision center.

After the movie, the Lions assisted in distributing complimentary bentos and bottled water to all of the seniors who attended.



Lions passing out bentos and water to seniors.



L-R Lion Joy Satsuma-Loo, Candace Aglutay, Lion President Trini Rita, Shay, Lion Puna Lee Nouchi

Kapolei City Lions Club

Kapolei City Lions Support Children's Miracle Network at Walmart Kapolei

Submitted by Lion Puna Lee Nouchi

Kapolei City Lions Trini Rita, Ceslee Maguire-Gaddis, Elaine Lau, and Puna Lee Nouchi volunteered at the Walmart Kapolei Children's Miracle Network event on July 3, 2026 which featured several Star Wars characters.

The Children's Miracle Network event ran from June 8 – July 5, 2026. This event helped raise funds for the Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children by supporting critical pediatric programs, purchasing specialized medical equipment, and maintaining the Child Life program. One hundred percent of the donations raised locally stay in Hawaii.

On July 3, parents donated money so their children could take pictures with the Star Wars characters, play the fish game, toss coins into a cup in the fish tank, participate in cornhole, or buy balloons, popcorn, and shaved ice. The children had a great time playing the games and taking photos with the Star Wars characters!

Throughout the four weeks of fundraising for the Children's Miracle Network at Walmart stores in Hawaii, Walmart Kapolei came in third place, collecting a total of \$86,298.59! Our **Kapolei City Lions** were thrilled to be a part of this event and help the Children's Miracle Network raise money for patients with pediatric cancer. Congratulations to Walmart Kapolei for a job well done!



Leeann Nouchi playing the fish tank coin toss game.



L-R Lions Trini Rita & Puna Lee Nouchi, Kailee, Kainoa & Leeann Nouchi



L-R Lion Puna Lee Nouchi, Leeann Nouchi, Lions Trini Rita, Ceslee Maguire-Gaddis, Elaine Lau



Leeann Nouchi playing the fishing game.



Region V Zone 1

Camp Ānuenue Carnival Brings Smiles, Games & Fun

Submitted by Lion Frances Lum (Hawaii Kai)

Photos by ZC Jaci Yokogawa (Koko Head)

Forty-five children and teens enjoyed a day of carnival fun at Camp Ānuenue on July 21, 2026. With prizes at every turn, campers tested their skills at bowling, cornhole, ring toss, spin the wheel, pong, fishing, and more, playing their favorite games as many times as they wished. Some of the kids were quite the experts!

The fun didn't stop there. Campers lined up for colorful face painting by Lion May and her son, while others chose fun temporary tattoos. Participating Lions clubs also provided a variety of snacks, while all beverages were generously donated by PDG Nadine Nishioka.

Located in Mokulē'ia, Camp Ānuenue is a week-long camp for Hawai'i children and teens ages 7-18 years who have or have had cancer. Offered at no cost to families, the camp provides a supportive community where young cancer patients and survivors can build friendships, gain confidence, and discover that cancer does not define their lives.

The mini-carnival was organized by Zone V Chair Jaci Yokogawa, with enthusiastic support from Lions of the **Koko Head, Pālolo, Mānoa, Hawai'i Kai, and Chinatown Lions Clubs**. Together, they created an unforgettable morning filled with laughter, excitement, and memories for Lions and campers alike.



Aloha Pono Lions Club

Rally for Mariana Relief

Submitted by Lion Jeff Ching

When Super Typhoon Sinlaku struck the Northern Mariana Islands, it left a trail of damage across communities already facing hardship. Reporting from the Associated Press described the storm as pounding the islands for hours, with Saipan, Tinian, and Rota among the hardest-hit areas. In response to the suffering caused by the storm, community members in Hawai'i quickly organized support for residents in the Marianas.

One of the strongest examples of that response was the partnership between Chef Ernesto Limcaco and Chef Celeste Limcaco of Prime Roast Cafe in Honolulu, together with the **Aloha Pono Lions Club**. Through relief efforts and fundraising support, the group raised \$5,000 and collected essential supplies for those affected by Sinlaku. The proceeds from the burger fundraiser were distributed to organizations in Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, helping provide direct support where it was needed most.

However, just three months after Sinlaku, another super typhoon struck the Marianas,



with Rota hit the hardest. In response, Prime Roast Juicy Burger. "Not only is it delicious; it's juicy."

If you work or live near downtown Honolulu, please stop by Prime Roast Cafe, located in the Arcade Building with the entrance on South King Street across from Central Pacific Bank, and support this ongoing relief effort.

Be sure to identify yourself as a Lion when you visit and show your support for this worthy cause. Every purchase helps make a difference for families recovering from these devastating storms.

For more information, please contact Prime Roast Cafe at (808) 521-7777. Together, we can continue to share the spirit of Aloha by helping our island neighbors in the Northern Mariana Islands rebuild and recover.

Kapolei City Lions Club

Helping Keiki Shine

Submitted by Lion Puna Lee Nouchi

New Lion Mona Mochizuki and Lion Keani Patinio of the **Kapolei City Lions Club** volunteered at Camp Ānuenu Hawai'i at Camp Moku'āia, on July 23.

Hairdresser Lion Mona, joined by nine friends, provided free haircuts and hairstyling for 30 pediatric cancer patients and helped prepare them with makeup for an evening event, bringing smiles and confidence to the keiki.

While the keiki waited, Lion Keani kept them occupied by having them color and draw pictures.

Thank you, Lion Mona, for being kind and for cutting the hair of patients with pediatric cancer for 30 years!



Kapolei City Lions Club

Lions Helping Lions

Submitted by Lion Puna Lee Nouchi

Photos by Lion Carmie Namocot

Lion President Connie Burchett of the **Waianae Lions Club** met with Lions Carmie Namocot and Puna Lee Nouchi of the **Kapolei City Lions Club** for a hands-on Lion Portal training session at Island Vintage Coffee and Wine Bar in Kapolei.

During the afternoon, Lion President Connie successfully learned how to enter her club's service activities into the Lion Portal. This one-on-one mentoring demonstrated the true spirit of Lions helping Lions by sharing knowledge that strengthens clubs throughout District 50.

The training was made even more enjoyable over lunch, where the group shared a turkey avocado panini with deep-fried ube garlic fries and finished with a Hawaiian Rainbow shave ice topped with homemade mochi, vanilla ice cream, and condensed milk. Along with learning new skills, the gathering provided an opportunity for fellowship and camaraderie!



Shave ice treat at Island Vintage



L-R: Lion President Connie inputting service activities with Lion Puna looking on.

A special mahalo goes to PDG Eric Nordmeier, for his guidance in teaching Lions to use the Lion Portal. His efforts have empowered Lions to report their service activities and to help one another!

Building a More Prepared Community

Submitted by Lion Garrett Ogawa

In July, I had the privilege of serving as an instructor for two CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training sessions, helping participants develop the skills needed to respond safely during emergencies and disasters.

One of the participants was **Manoa Lion** Duane Fujiwara, pictured leading his team in search for survivors. He is also pictured proudly receiving his CERT Certificate of Completion from the City



Lion Duane and team searching for survivors.

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Congratulations Lion Duane!

and County of Honolulu Department of Emergency Management. Congratulations, Lion Duane!

Each year, I am asked to teach First Aid/CPR/AED and CERT to the **Roosevelt High School JROTC cadets/Leos**. This year, the program expanded to include cadets from Farrington High School, along with a **Moanalua High School Leo** and Lion Lynn Muneno of the **Kina'ole Lions Club**.

Participants received hands-on training in putting out a fire, incident command, disaster scene stabilization, search and rescue, triage, basic disaster medical care, and most importantly, how to prepare and take of themselves in the event of a disaster.

Following the First Aid/CPR/AED class, I had the pleasure of presenting the Second Place Small Leo Club of the Year Award to the **Roosevelt High School Leos**. The cadets were surprised and

happy to receive this well-deserved recognition. Congratulations to Lion Duane, Lion Lynn and the cadets, and Leos who completed the training. Mahalo for your commitment to serving your communities. Stay safe and be prepared!



JROTC cadets/Leos and Lion celebrate the completion of their training.



L to R: Alexis Peña, Lion Garrett, Iris Han, Keani Lee



PALAMA SETTLEMENT

Join us for Back-to-School

SUPPLY DRIVE

Please Kokua!

We're reaching out to the community and humbly asking for donations of supplies for our Keiki... We need: Composition books, pencils & holders, sharpeners, erasers, rulers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, post-it notes, backpacks... and more!

For some families in the community, these items that would help a child through school may be beyond their financial reach.

Your generosity is truly appreciated. Please drop off your donated supplies to Palama Settlement OR consider a monetary donation which are tax deductible.

Palama Settlement Front Desk
810 N Vineyard Blvd

Friday August 7th

Please visit our website to donate online or make check payable to:
Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation
c/o 1515 Nuuanu Avenue #32
Honolulu, HI 96817

The Kamehameha Lions Club Foundation is a licensed 501(c)3 Public Charity. All or part of your donation can be tax deductible and we advise you to discuss your options with your tax preparer or accountant.

KLCFOUNDATION.ORG

ALOHA DISTRICT 50
100 YEARS OF SERVICE
LIONS CLUBS OF HAWAII

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



Fundraiser for First Vice
District Governor
Tony Tassillio



**Orders will be available for pick up at
Cabinet Meeting Location at Key
Project in Kahalu'u.**



Thank you for
all your support





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

PRIMARY

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[HTTPS://EVITE.M
E/K5GFQSMKTS](https://evite.me/k5gfqsmkts)

HONOLULU HALE

**HELP SUPPORT OUR VOTERS
DURING THE UPCOMING
ELECTIONS!**

Each Lion representing their
club can earn \$100 each for their
respective club!

For more info, see the date's
corresponding link.

GENERAL

**03
NOV**

[HTTPS://EVITE.M
E/GEMahr6BBA](https://evite.me/gemahr6bba)



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

Silent Auction:

Some Items:

- 30oz Stanley
- Powerbank

More items to come



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

FACEPAINTING WITH THE LIONS

Join us at Chinatown's
Mid-Autumn Festival!

**CHECK-
IN [AT]
8:45 AM**

**SATURDAY, 26 SEPT
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Smith-Beretania Park
37-049 N Beretania St, Honolulu, HI 96817

**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

DUTIES:

- Assisting our stall set up & take down
- Face painting for the community
- Meeting other local organizations



For more information, contact Lion Jenny White



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* ♥