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The Voice of Hawaii Kai

Ka Leo O Hawaii Kai

Monthly Bulletin of the Hawaii Kai Lions Club



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi all,

The holidays are here and we started it with a huge bang with our Holiday Parade on November 25th! A great big mahalo to Chair Lion Ken Nishibun for all of his hard work and to everyone who volunteered to make this event a success.

Since my last newsletter, we organized and/or participated in 20 events. (Whew, what a busy month!) Almost every single day we served our community with wide ranging events; such as: vision/hearing screenings, trail clearing, invasive seaweed removal, helping our local schools (for Halloween, HI-5 recycling, book fair, band invitational, and night market), assisting Lunalilo Home for their Thanksgiving fundraiser, food drive at Safeway, and helping at the Kaiwi Run & Walk. Thank you to all the Chairs and Lions who took the time from their busy lives to participate in these events.

Other noteworthy occasions were our club receiving a certificate for our 50th Anniversary from Council Chair Tommy Waters during the City Council's November 1st meeting at Honolulu Hale, our brand new Lion Susan Uehara being inducted on November 2nd, our September Safe Sidewalk Project picture being in the November 15th East Oahu Voice newspaper, and the Kaiser Leos being inducted on November 16th. After the induction, Lions Rod and Rhona Hed from Minneapolis presented to ID Bob Lee, checks totaling \$31,000 for Lahaina. A big mahalo goes to our Lion friends from Minneapolis.

In closing, please have a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends, and don't forget the Lunalilo Home Christmas Party on December 7th and our very own

Holiday Party on December 21st. Take care, stay safe, and looking forward to another great Hawaii Kai Lions Club year in 2024!

Lisa Ishibashi

November Photo Highlights



Welcome new member Susan Uehara (middle).



Second Vice-President Kendrick S. Chang holding the commendation from the Honolulu City Council in honor of the Club's 50th Charter Anniversary. The Hawaii Kai Rotary Club was also honored for making 50 years as an organization.

Lunalilo Home Thanksgiving Pelehū Imu



Hawaii Kai Lions standing behind the imu at Lunalilo Home.

Submitted by Ken Nishibun (on behalf of Walter Kuroiwa)

This year Lunalilo Home returned to past practice (before the pandemic) of having ticket purchasers bring their own pelehū (turkey) and paying to have it cooked in Lunalilo's giant imu. Additional mea'ai (side dishes) packages of ulu and kalo stuffing, kalo biscuits, turkey gravy, Hawaiian sweet mashed potatoes, and pumpkin crunch were also sold.

On November 22nd, nine Hawaii Kai Lions were assigned to various duties as hundreds of customers brought their defrosted, pre-wrapped turkeys to Lunalilo Home. These duties included directing traffic, rewrapping turkeys that were not properly prepared, tagging turkeys with metal numbers, and transferring turkeys from the in-take table to the imu ready tables. Lions participating included Jeanne Alices, Kendrick Chang, Cynthia Chun, Sandy Gomes, Eric Kimura, Tom Ono, Walter Kuroiwa, Allen Umeda, Ken Nishibun, and Sarah Overmeyer.

On Thanksgiving Day, November 23, Lions Walter Kuroiwa and Kendrick Chang gave up their morning to direct traffic as customers came to pick up their perfectly imu-cooked turkeys.

For decades the Hawaii Kai Lions Club has been using the Lunalilo Day Care Facility for its meetings (except for the pandemic years) at no cost. To reciprocate, the Club has assisted with their fundraisers, funded yearly Christmas dinners and programs, funded various projects at the home including purchasing air-conditioning units, tables, and chairs, and painting the day care facility. We have also repaired the metal exterior stairs, and done other projects in the main facility as well.

Keola Dean, CEO of Lunalilo was very appreciative of the support of the Hawaii Kai Lions and extended his heartfelt MAHALO for our unwavering support of Lunalilo Home and their beloved kupuna.

Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade Success



The Hawaii Kai Lions Club served as the 2023 parade marshal.

Submitted by Ken Nishibun

On Saturday, November 25, a bright sunny day, 1,200 marchers, 30 vehicles, miniature horses, parade dogs, and thousands of very appreciative spectators lining the parade route, all made for another very successful, fun-filled Holiday Parade.

This year marked 50 years of Service to the community by our Hawaii Kai Lions Club, therefore it was only fitting that we proclaimed ourselves as the Official Grand Marshal of this Holiday Parade. This was but a small tribute to all of our Lions, past and present, who unselfishly gave of themselves to better the community. The continuous shouts of "Thank-Yous" from the crowd was a testament to our contributions.

We were also privileged to have Mayor Rick Blangiardi and Police Chief Joe Logan and their entourages join our parade. It was due to the Mayor's and Chief's approvals, that we were able to receive full sponsorship of dozens of Police Officers who did such an outstanding job of ensuring the safety of all drivers, participants and spectators!

The Hawaii Kai Holiday Parade continues to be one of the largest and best organized community parades and that is a testament to the spirit of cooperation and volunteerism from all those involved! A special Mahalo goes out to all of our Lions who showed up and played such integral role in the success of the parade!

A shout-out also goes to David & Iris Iwana who allowed us to restore their 1920's Cutter Sleigh and use it for Santa's arrival to Hawaii Kai. As always Lion Eric Kvick led the way in the restoration, with Hawaii Kai resident Bob Arkus donating his services for the custom upholstery.

The planning committee of Lions Kendrick Chang, Al Hayashibara, Yolisa Ishibashi, Eric Kimura, Walter Kuroiwa, Ed Lee, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, and Tom Ono spend months planning for this much anticipated community event. The logistics can sometimes be quite daunting, however the joy that this parade brings to our community is by far, the best reward!

UH Band Invitational



Hawaii Kai Lions assisting at UH Band Invitational.

Submitted by Frances Lum

The University of Hawaii Marching Band is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year. On November 9, 2023, it hosted the annual Marching Band Festival, inviting nearly twenty public and private high school bands to participate in the marching band extravaganza. This festival began in 1979 and, this year, the venue was Kaiser High School's football stadium which was abuzz with supporters -- schoolmates, friends, and family. The bands showed off their musical talent and marching skills; some even had elaborate props.

Organized by Koko Head Lion Richard Ching, Hawaii Kai Lions Silvia Ardila, Kelvin Kaneoka, Melissa Mullen, Susan Uehara, and Frances Lum joined Lions from Koko Head Lions Club to help at the entrance as well as drumming up sales of t-shirts, caps, stickers, and reusable bags specially designed for UH Band by Eden in Love.

Malama Maunaloa Seaweed Removal



Submitted by Allen Umeda

Hawaii Kai Lions Club joined an invasive seaweed removal volunteer workday at Kuli'ou'ou Beach Park on Saturday morning, November 11. Malama Maunaloa, the event organizer, provided an explanation of the environmental and cultural history of Mauanlua Bay and samples of the different kinds of invasive and native seaweed we would encounter at this activity.

We joined around another 30 volunteers from other organizations to remove invasive seaweed from a marked area in knee deep water in front of Paiko lagoon. Several hundred pounds of invasive seaweed was removed and will be used as fertilizer.

The following club members joined this event: Cynthia Chun, Ellsworth Fujii, Susan Uehara, Allen Umeda.

Hahaione Elementary Book Fair



Lions Frances Lum and Ken Nishibun assisting at book fair.

Submitted by Ken Nishibun

Hahaione Elementary School held a PaperPie Learning Book Fair on Saturday, November 15, 16, 17, 2023 that raised important funding for the school.

Prior to the fair, teachers created wishlists of book titles that would help supplement learning throughout the school year while students created wishlists for the books they found interesting and would want to add to their home libraries. As parents and students shopped the fair, they were able to purchase books to bring home with them or donate to their classroom via their teachers' wishlists.

At the end of the event the school received rewards based upon total sales. Rewards are 25% of total sales back in cash or 50% of sales back in Free Books for the school, or a percentage of both.

Seven Hawaii Kai Lions were assigned to the book fair in the library where rows books and trinkets were available for sale. Acting as monitors, Lions provided check-out assistance, crowd control, security, and help in finding specific titles. Lions participating in this event included Jeanne Alices, Yolisa Ishibashi, Kelvin Kaneoka, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Ken Nishibun, Susan Uehara.

Krysta Gallager, Educational Services Representative for PaperPie Learning and Parent-Community Networking Coordinator (PCNC) Greta Gallardo expressed their sincere appreciation for the continued support of the Hawaii Kai Lions. Krysta has volunteered with the Lions at various projects, and Greta was the Past President of the PTSA and worked closely with us on the Hahaione front office renovation.

FUTURE EVENTS					
Date	Time	Event	Place	Attire	Project Chair
Monday, 12/4	8:00-10:00am	Vision Screening (Assist Koko Head Lions Clubs)	Aina Haina Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Thursday, 12/7	5:00-8:00pm	Lunalilo Home Christmas Party	Lunalilo Home	Club Shirt	Walter Kuroiwa and Dave Iwana
Friday, 12/8	8:00-10:00am	Hearing Screening (Assist Koko Head Lions Clubs)	Aina Haina Elementary School	Work Shirt	Cynthia Chun
Sunday, 12/10	7:00am-1:00pm	Honolulu Marathon Water Station (Assist Cub Scouts Pack 101)	Maunalua Bay	Work Shirt	Joel Leo
Saturday, 12/16	8:45-11:00am	Going Green Recycling	Koko Head Elementary School	Work Shirt	Frances Lum
Thursday, 12/21	5:00-9:00pm	Holiday Party	Natsunoya Teahouse 1935 Makanani Dr.	Aloha Attire	Sandy Gomes
Thursday, 1/4	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: Quarterly Business	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Thursday, 1/11	7:15-8:00am	Kamiloiki Elementary School Traffic Awareness Sign-Waving	Kamiloiki Elementary School	Work Shirt	Lisa Ishibashi
Thursday, 1/11	7:00-8:00pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Thursday, 1/18	7:00-8:00pm	Membership Meeting Agenda: TBD	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Club Shirt	N/A
Saturday, 1/20	8:00-10:30am	Safe Sidewalks	Kalama Valley (TBA)	Work Shirt	Lisa Ishibashi
Sunday, 1/21	9:00-11:00am	Eyeglass Recycling Cleaning	Lunalilo Retirement Home Clubhouse	Work Shirt	Ells Fujii

BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES	DATE OF INDUCTION	Membership	
12/1 Richard Okamoto 12/2 Jeanne Alices 12/4 Helen Morita 12/7 Dave Iwana 12/23 Cynthia Chun 12/27 Bill Modglin			Active	48
			Student	0
			Affiliate	4
			At-Large	3
			Privileged	0
			Total	58

District 50 Region V, Zone 2		Hawaii Kai Lions Club Officers – 2023-2024			
Honolulu, HI – Chartered 4/9/1973		President IPP	Yolisa Ishibashi	Secretary Tail Twister	Cynthia Chun
Intl President	Dr. Patti Hill	1 st VP	Frances Lum	Directors	Maja Leivo
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Zone II	David Iwana				Frances Lum
HLF Trustee					