

MONTHLY BULLETIN



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President's Message:

Aloha Members and Friends,

I hope everyone has been having an enjoyable summer. No heat domes, no wildfire smoke, almost no ill effects from a would be hurricane, we are very fortunate to live in Hawaii.

Our first meeting of the Lions' year on July 16 was very well attended. We started out the new term by inducting two new members, Dr. Valynn Chong and Jason Chong. I hope everyone introduces themselves to our new members, encourages them to join in the committees and projects that appeal to them, and helps them learn the ropes of the Club. Please don't wait for a formal new member orientation meeting—take the opportunity to make them feel welcome from the start.

Our Board held a successful retreat meeting on July 18. We made a thorough review of our membership, leadership development, and overall Club well being. It was too soon to have the results of the surveys submitted by the members at the July 16 meeting. Ken Nishibun will be discussing those results with the members at the upcoming August 6th meeting. The Board will then meet on August 13 to discuss the survey results and the members' comments at the August 6 meeting and develop measures to appropriately implement positive initiatives arising from this process.

A Board budget committee has also been busy and met on July 28 to go over the budget for the new term line by line. It will be making its recommendations to the Board in advance of the Board's August 13 meeting. I am hopeful that the entire budgeting process can be essentially concluded by our August 20 regular meeting.

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As noted above, we will be discussing the survey results at the August 6 meeting. Please be sure to come and participate in that discussion. It's very Important for our members to participate in this process.

At our August 6 meeting, we will have the honor of having Zone Chair Jaci Yokogawa as a special guest to speak about Zone activities and relationships. This year, she is also President of the Koko Head Lions Club. Many of you already know her, as she is a "friend" of our Club and has participated in many of our activities and projects.

And looking ahead, we will have the new District Governor Dr. Cedric Matsui as our special guest at the August 20 meeting. Please be sure to come and warmly welcome him.

Finally, two of our many notable projects got special attention last month. Allen Umeda posted a report on the painting of the electrical boxes at the corner of Kalaniana'ole Highway and Hawaii Kai Drive on the Next Door social media site. He reported that it received about 5,000 (1) views. Also, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser had a lengthy article in the Sunday edition of July 26 on the Rescue Tube Foundation, its plans to increase placement of rescue tubes, and the rescue history at China Walls. The article included a quote from Eric Kwick, a nice reference to our Club as a partner with the Foundation and a brief mention of some of our rescue tube locations that are additional to China Walls. It's nice to see the Hawaii Kai Lions presented to the general public so positively.

August marks the beginning of the school year, which means we are looking forward to a lot more projects that are coming up. I hope that you will be participating in them as much as possible. As always, please feel free to contact me at any time about any Club concerns, whether it be goals, leadership, budgets, or anything Club-related.

Mahalo
David Karlen



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HAHA'IONE LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Submitted by: Ken Nishibun

With heartfelt aloha, we share Principal Cappy Goo's letter of appreciation for our kōkua in the Haha'ione classroom painting project. Mahalo nui to all the Lions who participated.

Aloha Ken, Eric and the Lions Club,

I am writing to express my deepest appreciation for your incredible work in redesigning and refreshing our 5th-grade classrooms.

Your dedication to this project went far above and beyond. We are so incredibly grateful for the time, energy, and expertise you poured into every step of the process. Thank you specifically for:

Consulting with us to envision the new space.

Researching and sourcing the best supplies for the job.

Prepping all the surfaces with such care.

Training our volunteers to ensure everything went smoothly.

Painting the rooms to perfection.

Cleaning up so thoroughly after the hard work was done.

The rooms look absolutely amazing! Because of your generosity and hard work, you have created a bright, inspiring environment that our students and staff will benefit from for years to come. Your commitment to our school makes a world of difference.

We have a few tokens of appreciation. When can we drop it off to you?

Mahalo for your continued support of our keiki and our community.

Mahalo,

Cappy (Haha'ione Principal)

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ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

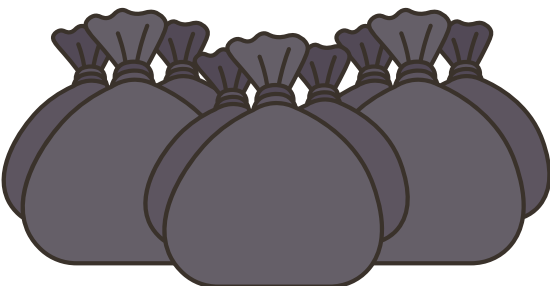
Submitted by: Susan Uehara



The original plan of a targeted clean up focusing on the area across Koko Marina Shopping Center was expanded due to the number of volunteers who signed up (9 in all). 8 Lions and 1 guest worked under sunny skies and a cool breeze to help keep our roadways and beaches clean. They filled 10 bags of trash and flagged 2 shopping carts, a bicycle, and an office trash can for pick up. The dollar bill that was found will be added to the prize kitty for future scavenger hunts.

Honks and shouts of appreciation were heard along the route. One neighbor stopped by and expressed his thanks, noting that he has gone over to the malasada truck to talk to them about their napkins littering the roadside. At the “after-party” outside Starbucks, the volunteers were thanked with drinks and snacks and encouraged to sign up for the event in September.

Participants included Lions Brad Caldwell, Cynthia Chun, Marty Jorgensen, Jeff Kramer, Lynn Liu, Susan Uehara, Robyn Wong, Lyn Yee, and guest Grace Ordonio.



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CRUSING THROUGH KOKO HEAD ELEMENTARY

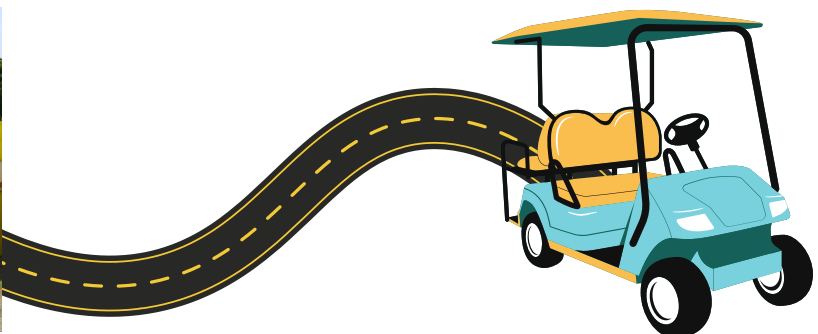
Submitted by: Frances Lum



An elementary school campus may look small at first glance, but anyone who's had to crisscross it all day — parking lots, playgrounds, and everything in between — knows you'll get more than 10,000 steps and a workout while hauling equipment.

This year, the Hawaii Kai Lions Club stepped in to make that daily trek a whole lot easier. Koko Head Elementary School chose to put the funds the Club budgeted for it toward a golf cart for their hardworking custodial team. Their old cart is still hanging in there, but with this new addition, the staff can run double duty and be more efficient without running themselves ragged.

A small cart with a big impact, not just for the custodians, but the entire school community.



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SAFE SIDEWALKS

Submitted by: Yolisa Ishibashi

On July 18, 2026, seven Hawaii Kai Lions and one CIS patched 40 areas on the east sidewalk of Kealahou Street in Kalama Valley, between the intersections of Hawaii Kai Drive and Mokuhano Street. Tyler Sugihara, retired C&C Chief of Road Maintenance, was there to provide a brief history of the Safe Sidewalks Project, which started in 2010 with the Pearl City Lions Club. Thereafter, C&C staff Keawe Peters demonstrated how to patch a sidewalk.

There were two teams of five, which included Keawe Peters and C&C staff Leina Keomalu-Cabanas. Amazingly, the weather was breezy and cool, which made it easier to patch the entire length of the sidewalk between Hawaii Kai Drive and Mokuhano Drive. This project is actually a repatching, since we patched this section back in January 2024, but some of the patches were badly cracked, so a repatching seemed necessary. As we were about to leave, a car stopped to let us know that we were on this morning's news. What a nice surprise!

Thank you to those Lions, CIS, and C&C staff for assisting with this project; including Brad Caldwell, Ellsworth Fujii, Thomas Haia, Yolisa Ishibashi, CIS Anthony Nakamura, Marty orgensen, Robyn Wong, Lyn Yee, Tyler Sugihara, Leina Keomalu-Cabanas, and Keawe Peters. And just a final note, Brad Caldwell will be taking over as chair of the Safe Sidewalks Committee, with Yolisa Ishibashi being his co-chair.



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TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX PAINTING

Submitted by: Allen Umeda

Several club members and family put their artistic skill to work and painted three traffic signal boxes with artwork at the corner of Kalanianaʻole Hwy and Hawaii Kai Drive on July 9 and 10. This is a follow-up project to the painting we did at the other end of the block at Keahole Street 2 years ago.

The subject of the artwork is the endangered 'Alae 'Ula, Hawaiian Moorhen, which have a small and growing population at the nearby Keawāwa Wetland, where our club has volunteered in the past to help restore this water bird's habitat.

We received encouragement from motorists shouting out and tooting their horns, pedestrians stopping to chat, and David Karlen, who stopped by several times to bring refreshments and morale support.

Many thanks to the Hawaii Kai Lions Club members, family and friends who participated in this activity: Eric Kwick, Eric and CIS Wanda Kimura, Lyn Yee, Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, Alvin Hayashibara, Frances Lum, Nancy Rocheleau, Susan Uehara, David Karlen, Kelvin and CIS Hedy Kaneoka, Allen Umeda. Guest Artist Scott Harano.



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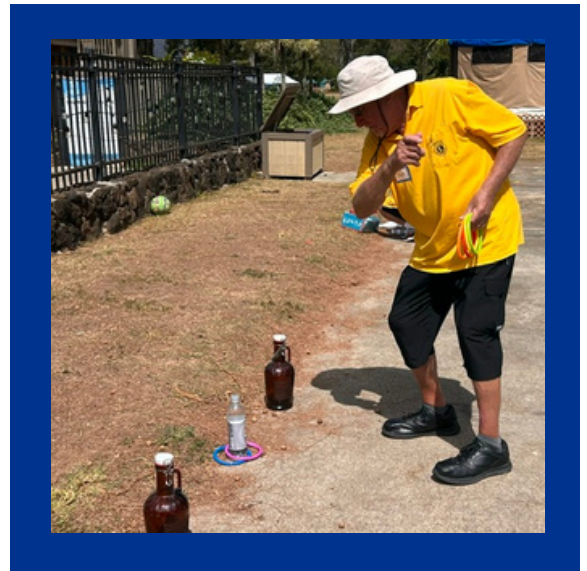
CAMP ANUENUE MINI-CARNIVAL

Submitted by: Frances Lum

Camp Anuenue in Mokulē'ia welcomed approximately 45 children and teens for a week of friendship, support, and fun. On July 21, Region V Zone Chair Jaci Yokogawa brought extra excitement to camp by organizing a mini-carnival as a zone project.

Campers enjoyed a variety of skill games, including bowling, cornhole, ring toss, pong, and fishing. Those feeling lucky could try their chances at the spin-the-wheel game. Best of all, campers could play their favorite games as many times as they wished, earning prizes with every win. Talented volunteers provided face painting and applied temporary tattoos. By the end of the morning, many campers headed to lunch with armloads of prizes and smiles on their faces.

Camp Anuenue is a week-long camp serving Hawai'i children and teens ages 7 to 18 who have or have had cancer. Offered at no cost to families, the camp provides a supportive environment where young cancer patients and survivors can build friendships, gain confidence, and discover that cancer does not define their lives. The Hawaii Kai Lions Club has been a longtime supporter of Camp Anuenue through its annual monetary donation. Lions Janis Bumgarner, John Kratochvil, Frances Lum, and Associate Members Lion PID Bob Lee (who chauffeured us) and Lion Pam Lee volunteered along with Lions from Manoa, Koko Head, Palolo, and Chinatown to help run the many carnival games.



It was a rewarding morning for the Lion volunteers, who enjoyed watching the campers laugh, spend time with friends, and simply have fun being kids.



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DONATE, SHRED, EWASTE RECYCLE

Submitted by: Bill Kern



On Saturday July 25, 2026, Hawaii Kai Lions participated in a drive-through event at Koko Marina for School Supply Donation, Paper Shredding, and eWaste Recycling. This annual event is in partnership with Helping Hands Hawaii, Access Shredding, T&N Computer Recycling Services, Hawaii Kai Lions and Koko Marina Center to benefit schools and to help target where paper and eWaste is disposed of.

Sixteen participating Hawaii Kai Lions helped keep traffic flowing safely and smoothly, including efficient unloading of community members donations and waste materials, and sorting the donated school supplies. Pending official counts, there were well over 130 cars passing through, with about 15 large bins of paper being shredded, and several full pallets of eWaste hauled away.

Adding to the fun and rhythm of the event, Koko Marina arranged for the sounds of HI93 FM and DJ Steezy making for a beautiful morning filled with positive vibes as we served in our community.

Many thanks to the Hawaii Kai Lions Club members, family and friends who participated in this activity: Jeanne Alices, Cynthia Chun, Dr. Roger Ede, Ellsworth Fujii, Sandra Gomes, Thomas Haia, Marty Jorgensen, Sidney Kamm, Jeff Kramer, Marja Leivo, Frances Lum, Tom Ono, Nancy Rochelaeau, Susan Uehara, Lyn Yee, Bill Kern



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RESCUE TUBE SAVES ANOTHER

Submitted by: Hawaii News Now



HONOLULU (HawaiiNewsNow) - Ocean Safety said bystanders helped pull a man from the waters offshore of Hawaii Kai Thursday.

At about 5 p.m., the Honolulu Ocean Safety Department was alerted to a swimmer in distress offshore of an area commonly known as Spitting Caves in Portlock, Hawaii Kai

Ocean Safety said a man had jumped into the water, injured his arm and was having trouble safely returning to shore.

Before first responders arrived, OSD said three bystanders deployed a personal-use rescue tube to the swimmer and helped him to shore. No word on the swimmer's condition.

Ocean Safety commended the bystanders for their swift actions and the coordinated efforts of all responders.

The department reminds the public that Spitting Caves is an extremely hazardous shoreline area with strong currents, powerful surf and dangerous ocean conditions.

OSD urges the public to exercise caution and avoid cliff jumping or swimming in hazardous conditions.

[Watch the story here](#)



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CELEBRATION OF LIFE, ANDY URAMOTO

Submitted by: Frances Lum



Lion Andy Uramoto, a Lion for just short of 52 years passed away July 10, 2026. Lion Andy served as our club president in 1988-89 and was a Melvin Jones Fellow and Life Member.

A Celebration of Life for Lion Andy Uramoto has been scheduled for August 14, 2026 at Diamond Head Mortuary. Visitation will begin at 10 am with the service to follow at 11 am. Please wear your Lions attire as there will be a Lions service.

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FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location	Attire	Project Chair
Thu, 8/6	7pm - 8pm	Membership Meeting	Lunalilo Home	Club Shirt	N/A
Sat, 8/8	3:45pm - 8:15pm	Kaiser HS Night Market	Kaiser HS Parking Lot	Work Shirt	Spencer Kimura
Thu, 8/13	7pm - 8pm	Board Meeting	Zoom	N/A	N/A
Fri, 8/14	8:30am - 12pm	Celebration of Life Andy Uramoto	Diamond Head Mortuary	Club Vest or Shirt	Frances Lum
Sat, 8/15	5am - 11am	American Heart Association Walk	Kapiolani park	Work Shirt	Jeanne Alices
Sat, 8/15	2pm - 3pm	Gift Presentation to HK Library	Hawaii Kai Library	Club Shirt	Spencer Kimura
Thu, 8/20	7pm - 8pm	Membership Meeting	Lunalilo Home	Club Shirt	N/A
Sat, 8/22	10:30am - 4pm	Special Olympics 'Aukake Classic	Wai'au District Park	Work Shirt	David Karlen

Birthdays

8/2/, Sidney Kamm
 8/5, Silvia Ardila
 8/5, David Karlen
 8/10, Kelvin Kaneoka
 8/14, Ken Nishibun
 8/14, Dr. Kerry Yoon
 8/18, Chong Fook Leu
 8/18, Nancy Rocheleau
 8/20, Richard Halverson
 8/26, Alvin Hayashibara
 8/28, Brad Caldwell

Date of Induction

8/1/91, Tom Jones
 8/1/96, Mino Takaesu
 8/1/96, Ken Nishibun
 8/1/01, David Osaki
 8/1/02, Dr. William Modglin
 8/1/24, Miya Hayashibara
 8/7/25, Dr. Kin Ching
 8/7/25, Ceseli Fujioka
 8/7/25 Sidney Kamm
 8/17/23, Melissa Mullen
 8/29/14, Eric Kimura

District 50 Region V, Zone 2

Honolulu, HI - Chartered 4/17/1973
 Intl. President, Mark Lyon
 District Governor, Dr. Cedric Mitsui
 1st VDG, Anthony "Tony" Tassillo
 2nd VDG, David Iwana
 Zone Chair, Jaci Yokogawa

Membership

Active	56
Student	0
Affiliate	4
Associate	3
At-Large	4
Privileged	0
Total	67

Club Officers '26-'27

President, David Karlen
 IPP, Kendrick Chang
 1st VP, Susan Uehara
 2nd VP, Brad Caldwell
 3rd VP, Spencer Kimura
 Secretary, Yolisa Ishibashi
 Treasurer, Ezekiel Flores
 Tail Twister, Joni Fukuji
 Lion Tamer, Kelvin Kaneoka
 Membership Chair, Allen Umeda
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 Service Chair, Alvin Hayahibara
 Program Coordinator, Ellsworth Fujii