MONTHLY BULLETIN



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President's Message:

Aloha Members and Friends,

I would like to start this message by thanking our 1st VP, Susan Uehara, for taking the reins while I am on this extended trip. Her report is the latter part of this message.

October started off with a very well attended meeting on the first day of the month. The program included special awards to Tom Jones and Sandy Gomes—there is no way any Bulletin writeup can adequately express our thanks to them for all that they have done and continue to do. We also had the privilege to formally induct two new members.

In addition, I was glad to announce the start of a quarterly President's award in recognition of all the help I have received during my term. The first recipient was Lisa Ishibashi for service above and beyond. However, I also want to give my heartfelt thanks to all the Club members who have graciously helped this relative newbie get started in the last several months.

I also want to especially thank Joni Fukuji for an excellent Tail Twister activity. Earlier in the year, some of her plans had to unfortunately be delayed due to the extra length of some meetings. The "get to know you" program at this meeting hit the mark.

Finally, as a follow up to PDG Garrett Ogawa's presentation on emergency preparedness, we are checking into whether we can have some sort of CERT training just for Club members.

Now, in turning this message over to Susan, I hope you all have a Happy Thanksgiving, and that you can participate as much as possible in all of our upcoming activities.

Mahalo,
David Karlen

1st VP, Susan Uehara:

While David was enjoying his well-deserved vacation, Lions continued to serve in the month of October. Cards were crafted, Leos were inducted, air conditioners were installed, the highway was cleaned, hearing and vision screenings were conducted, school fairs were supported, streets fronting schools were made safer, and the very generous gift from the family of C.F. Leu. Not to mention celebrating the 100th anniversary of Lionism in Hawaii!

We welcome David back in November and look forward to the volleyball social, Ka Iwi Explorations hike and Run/Walk, Pumpkin Palooza, and holiday meal prep/service for the Waikiki Community Center. Of course, the highlight of the month is the annual Holiday Parade, where we get a chance to walk off Thanksgiving calories with 1300 of our friends and neighbors.

Susan

Happy Thanksgiving

WISHING OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING FILLED WITH GRATITUDE, JOY, AND TIME WITH LOVED ONES.

WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE MANY HELPING HANDS AND GENEROUS HEARTS THAT MAKE OUR LIONS ‘OHANA SO SPECIAL.

MAHALO FOR SHARING THE SPIRIT OF ALOHA!

GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE FAMILY OF LION CHONG FOOK "CF" LEU HONORS A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Submitted by: Ken Nishibun



The Hawaii Kai Lions Club extends its deepest gratitude to the family of the late Lion Chong Fook "CF" Leu for their extremely generous donation of $6,335.

At the Hawaii Kai Lions Club meeting on October 15, 2026, Lion CF's daughters, Susan Tyau and Lori Long, along with Lori's husband Lynn, made a heartfelt personal presentation of the donation to the club. Lion CF Leu, who passed away on February 13, 2026, was a true pillar of our community and an embodiment of the Lions motto, "We Serve". A charter member of the Pali Lions Club upon its founding in 1962, CF later brought his passion and dedication to the Hawaii Kai Lions Club, where he served as Club President during the 1997–1998 term. Together with his beloved wife and companion-in-service Aki, CF was a constant and inspiring presence at our club's projects and events.

Beyond his extensive service with the Lions, CF touched countless lives as a Physical Education teacher and Athletic Director at Kalani High School. He also bravely served our nation in the military prior to his decades of civic dedication. On July 20, family, friends, and fellow Lions gathered at Hosoi Mortuary to celebrate CF's impactful life, during which our club had the privilege of conducting a special Lions memorial service in his honor.

This meaningful contribution from the Chong Fook Leu family will support the Hawaii Kai Lions Club in continuing the vital community work, youth outreach, and local service projects that CF held so dear. We are profoundly grateful to Susan, Lori, Lynn, and the entire Leu family for their generosity and for ensuring Lion CF's legacy of service continues to shine brightly across our community.

HOLIDAY CARD MAKING

Submitted by: Marja Leivo



On Sunday afternoon October 4, 2026, seven Hawaii Kai Lions, one CIS, and four friends gathered at the Mauna Luan West lobby to make holiday greeting cards. Between 1:00pm and 4:00pm we made a total of 119 cards. Closer to the Christmas holiday 35 cards will be delivered to Waikiki Community Center, 40 to the Ronald McDonald House, and 22 to Lunalilo Home. Hopefully these cards will bring cheer to the seniors, children and the families, in these programs.





ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY CLEAN UP

Submitted by: Susan Uehara



After the second weather delay this year, the third Adopt-A-Highway clean-up took place on Oct 10, 2026. A small, but efficient team of seven volunteers worked under sunny skies to fill 6 bags of trash along our Kalanianaole Highway route. As usual, the section across from Koko Marina Shopping Center needed the most attention. One challenge was the tall grass, which made picking out the trash more difficult. However, that didn't stop Frances from going into the weeds to pick up every little piece of rubbish!

Participants included Lions Ceseli Fujioka, Frances Lum, Susan Uehara, Lyn Yee. Also assisting were CIS Tony Nakamura and guests Erin Uehara and Trevor Kawamoto.





"HONK" FOR TRAFFIC AWARENESS

Submitted by: Janis Bumgarner, Marja Leivo





On October 2 and 23, 2026 the Hawaii Kai Lions and CIS's participated in the traffic awareness sign waving event at Kamiloiki Elementary School and Hahaione Elementary School from 7:15 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Also participating were HPD officers from District 7, student council members, JPOs, and staff.

All participants stood on both sides of the street and enthusiastically greeted cars and held signs urging drivers to stay alert and slow down for the safety of the kids. The students held handmade signs and HPD provided several signs, some of which said, "Drive Safely, Arrive Alive", "Texting Can Wait" "No Need Speed" and "Drive With Aloha".

Thank you to those Lions who participated: Janis Bumgarner, Brad Caldwell, Joni Fukuji, Ellsworth Fujii, Yolisa Ishibashi, David Iwana, Bill Kern, Eric Kimura, Jeff Kramer, Marja Leivo, Nancy Rocheleau, Susan Uehara, and CIS Lyn Yee. It was a great opportunity for our Lions to support our schools, our children and the Community Policing Team of District 7 East Honolulu.













KAISER HIGH SCHOOL LEO INSTALLATION INDUCTION REPORT

Submitted by: Ellsworth Fujii



The Hawai'i Kai Lions club hosted the Kaiser High School Leos for their Board installation and new member induction on October 15, 2026 at Koko Head Elementary School. The meeting was attended by 16 of the 42 Leos and 2 Leo parents.

2nd Vice District Governor, Hawaii Kai Lion David Iwana did a fantastic job inducting new Leos and installing the Leo Officers. This year's Leo Board are all sophomores so they will have continuity for the next few years. President Kayla did a fantastic job recruiting new Leos as there were only 2 Leos left from the previous year. Congratulations to Leo President Kayla Pang and her Board and the new Leos! After the ceremony, Lions and Leos had pizza, Caesar salad, and desserts and socialized.

The Hawai'i Kai Lions and the Kaiser Leos are planning several joint projects this year.

Many thanks to Alvin who printed the Leo program, Frances who reserved Koko Head Elementary School cafeteria, Lisa who ordered the packet and pins, and Kelvin who set up the cafeteria for the meeting.





KAMILOIKI KEIKI CARNIVAL

Submitted by: Susan Uehara



On Oct 16, the campus of Kamiloiki Elementary was buzzing with energy and excitement during the annual Keiki Carnival. It was not just the students, but family, friends, and community members that enjoyed the festivities. At the peak of the event, it was estimated that there were up to 1500 people present! Carnival-goers enjoyed games, prizes, 3 food trucks, several snack/food booths, a bounce house/slide/obstacle course area, various vendors, and live entertainment.

Lions were there in the drink booths making sure everyone stayed hydrated. They were in the plant booth, looking up the names of the plants and making sales. They were also in the parking lot, assuring that both cars and people would be safe. Special thanks to Lions Gavin and Roger, “professional parking dudes” (they bring their own walkie-talkies and cones), who volunteered to stay after their shifts to make sure that the students who replaced them knew how to manage things safely.

Participants from Hawaii Kai included Brad Caldwell, Julie Haraga, Yolisa Ishibashi, Marja Leivo, Susan Uehara, Lyn Yee. Koko Head Lions Club volunteers were Gavin Hall, Jaci Yokogawa, Roger Izuka. Thanks to all for your hard work. As a side note, a volunteer who helped again this year at the plant booth expressed her interest in becoming a Lion, so we may be seeing another new member.





COOL BREEZE OF CARE

Submitted by: Ken Nishibun, on behalf of Chair Marja Leivo



Students and staff at Hahaione Elementary School can breathe a little easier and focus on learning in cool comfort, thanks to a major community service effort led by the Hawaii Kai Lions Club.

In a dedicated effort to improve the daily learning environment, members of the club recently completed the installation of 22 large (18,000BTU and 24,000BTU) window air conditioning units across classrooms at the school. The AC units, purchased by the Hahaione PTSA, benefits approximately 500 students, teachers, and school staff, turning sweltering school days into comfortable, productive learning hours.

Installing two dozen industrial-sized window units is no simple feat. The project required extensive technical expertise, meticulous preparation, and a massive investment of volunteer hours.

Leading the charge was retired contractor Lion Eric Kvick, whose professional background proved invaluable in planning and executing the complex installations safely and efficiently. Working alongside him were Lion Kelvin Kaneoka, Lion Ken Nishibun, and Companion in Service Tony Nakamura.

Together, this dedicated four-person crew poured 216 hours into the project working every day during the school's Fall break and weekends. From measuring, framing, and mounting heavy window units to custom-sealing and painting each frame, the team worked tirelessly to deliver a seamless upgrade for the campus. Parents and even Principal Cappy Goo contributed another 50 hours of sweat equity.

The completion of this project highlights the core mission of Lions Clubs: meeting community needs with hands-on service. For the keiki and educators at Hahaione Elementary, these 22 AC units mean better concentration, fewer heat-related disruptions, and a healthier environment for years to come.









KAISER SPOOKTACULAR

Submitted by: Spencer Kimura



Our Lions enjoyed helping out with the Kaiser High School Night Market Spooktacular on Saturday. It was a festive event with over 60 food and craft vendors, keiki costumes, candy and live music. Mahalo to all who helped out!





BOO!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Tom Jones - 35 year Monarch Chevron



Congratulations to Tom Jones on receiving his 35-Year Monarch Chevron! This special recognition celebrates 35 years of dedication, leadership, and commitment to the Lions' mission of service. Mahalo, Tom, for your many years of making a difference in our community!



Sandy Gomes - Membership Key



Congratulations to Sandy Gones on receiving the Membership Key Award! This recognition honors her efforts in welcoming new members into the Lions family and helping strengthen our club through continued growth. Mahalo, Sandy, for sharing the spirit of service and aloha!

Julie Haraga and Cheryl Matsumoto



A warm aloha and welcome to our two newest members, Julie Haraga and Cheryl Matsumoto! We are excited to have you join the Hawaii Kai Lions Club 'ohana. We look forward to serving alongside you, building new friendships, and making a positive difference in our community together. Welcome to the Lions family!

New Members

Ezekiel "Zeke" Bernando-Flores



Did You Catch Zeke in the News? Our very own Zeke Bernardo-Flores was recently featured on KHON2's Ask a Banker segment, sharing valuable advice on protecting families from financial scams. Zeke is doing great things both at First Hawaiian Bank and right here in our club as Treasurer. We are proud to see him making a difference in both roles. Congratulations, Zeke, and mahalo for all you do!

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Gifted Little Houses to Waikiki Community Center & RMH

Lions Eric, Janis, Marja, Sandy, Hedy and her CIS Kelvin had a great day visiting Waikiki Community Center and Ronald McDonald House to deliver little gift houses that Lion Eric had made for them. Eric also dropped off a house to HUGS.

Everyone was so impressed. They were beautiful and included details such as music, lights, and motion, which Eric demonstrated for us.







Peggy Oyama Donation to Rescue Tube



Peggy Oyama donated $110 for the Rescue Tube Committee in memory of Lion Andy Uramoto.



FUTURE EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Location	Attire	Project Chair
Sat, 11/7	5:30am - 8:30am	Ka Iwi Hike	Hawaii Kai Golf Course	Work Shirt	Kendrick Chang
Sat, 11/7	7pm - 9pm	UH Women's Volleyball Game	Stan Sheriff Center	N/A	Spencer Kimura
Sun, 11/8	5:30am - 8:30am	Ka Iwi Hike	Hawaii Kai Golf Course	Work Shirt	Kendrick Chang
Sat, 11/14	8am - 10:30am	Pumpkin Palooza	Koko Head District Park	Work Shirt	Rosemary Chong
Thu, 11/19	7pm - 8pm	Membership Meeting	Lunalilo Home	Club Shirt	N/A
Sat, 11/21	8:30am - 11am	Adopt-A-Highway	Koko Head ES	Work Shirt	Susan Uehara
Sun, 11/22	6:45am - 8:15am	Kaiwi Coast Run/Walk	Hanauma Bay Entrance	Work Shirt	Nancy Rocheleau
Tue, 11/24	12pm - 6pm	Waikiki C.C. Meal Prep	Sign Up Closed	N/A	Eric Kvick
Wed, 11/25	9:30am - 1pm	Waikiki C.C. Meal	310 Paoakalani Ave	Work Shirt	Eric Kvick
Sat, 11/28	7:15pm - 12:30pm	Holiday Parade	Kamiloiki Community Park	Club Shirt	Ken Nishibun

Birthdays

11/3, Kiyohide Noguchi
11/5, Miya Hayashibara
11/8, Dr. Kin Ching
11/21, Eric Kimura
11/23, Lyle Apo

Date of Induction

11/7/19, Marissa Okada
11/9/20, Thomas Ono
11/1/23, Susan Uehara
11/7/24, Robyn Wong
11/20/25, Lilian Langesly

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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
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