

District 50 Leo Meeting  
Zoom  
October 31, 2021  
Minutes

### Meeting Called to Order

- Meeting called to order by President Elana, at 1:07 pm
- Present:
  - **District 50 Advisors & Officers:** Lion Winston, Elana Ingwers, Kalyn Tom, Lenard Topenio, Jade Custer, Angela Grace Piso
  - **Lion Advisors:** Shari Ann Ogi (Konawaena), Kathy Higa (Moanalua), Steven Yoshimura (Roosevelt), Alan Shiraishi (Waiakea), Sean Benito (Hilo Crescent City),
  - **Faculty Advisors:** Cindy Tanaka (Hilo), Janice Deliz (Moanalua),
  - **Leo Club President:** Lacey Young (Konawaena), Olina Kung (Roosevelt), Mark Galeon (Waiakea), Kalyn Tom (Moanalua), Keala Montgomery (Lana'i), Chastytie Lopes (Hilo Crescent City)
  - **Leo Club Officers:** Mina Taniyama (Konawaena VP), Jayvie Ballesteros (Lana'i Treasurer), Toko Minoda (Konawaena Treasurer), Tim Li (Roosevelt Corresponding Secretary)
  - **Lions:** Guy Hashimoto (Moanalua),
  - **Other:**
  - **Clubs for \$30 pizza certificate:** Moanalua, Kaiser, Konawaena, Waiakea, and Hilo Crescent City

### Leo Pledge

- Leo pledge presented by District 50 President Elana Ingwers
  - "I pledge of my hands, extended and open to help those in need. I pledge of my heart, reach for it, and it will be touched. I pledge of my ears to hear another's outcry, my eyes, to see the plight of others. My knowledge, to bring a person closer to their dreams. I pledge of myself, for the betterment of my Community, my State, and my Country."

### Secretary's Report

1. Presented by Jade Custer
  - Minutes will be circulated around 2-3 days after the meeting.
  - Please email Jade Custer ([jadecuster2@gmail.com](mailto:jadecuster2@gmail.com)) if there is any change in leadership (faculty advisors, new presidents, etc.) or if any other member would like to be added to the email list.
  - Another note is that for the upcoming district meetings we would like an estimate of how many people will be in attendance so please

respond to the district meeting reminder with an estimate of how many people will be in attendance

- Minutes of the last meeting were circulated electronically on Tuesday, September 21 to everyone on the email list.
  - “Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes at this time? Hearing none, the minutes of the last meeting will be accepted.”
    - Minutes of the last meeting have been accepted.
- Officer Joke’s
  - Q: Why don’t mummies take time off?
  - A: They’re afraid to unwind
  
  - Q: Why do skeletons have low self esteem?
  - A: They have no-body to love
  
  - Q: What can you catch from a vampire in winter?
  - A: Frostbite.
  
  - Q: Where do ghosts go on holidays?
  - A: The Boo-hamas.
  
  - Q: Why are skeletons so calm?
  - A: Because nothing gets under their skin
  
  - Q: How do you know vampires love baseball?
  - A: They turn into bats every night.
  
  - Q: Where do baby ghosts go during the day?
  - A: Day-scare.

## **Treasurer’s Report**

2. Presented by Lenard Topenio
- Balance: \$15,650.80
    - Schools that paid district dues
      - Lions Club of Kapolei City
      - Lanai City Lions Club
  - Club dues are due December 31, 2021...\$25 per club + \$1 per member
    - Please be sure to add this to your calendar to avoid forgetting
    - Earlier is best
  - Please email Treasurer Lenard at [llenardtopenio@gmail.com](mailto:llenardtopenio@gmail.com) for the Invoice Form or if you have any questions

## **Vice-President's Report**

### **3. Presented by: Kalyn Tom**

- Project Reports
  - Kaiser: 1
  - Pearl City: 3
  - Roosevelt: 10
  - Konawaena: 9
  - Waiakea: 2
  - Mililani: 3
  - Hilo: 1
  - None are reported in MyLCI and were only sent to Kalyn
  - Clubs please also count your hours and projects in case there is an error by District 50.
- Cybersecurity workshop
  - Last year we had a social media workshop
  - This year we want to do a workshop on how to be safe from scams including email scams
  - The date is TBD at this time
- Gimme gimme game
  - Gimme Gimme a Leo/Lion Pin
    - Lacey Young gets free bowling from Mr.Watarai at Conference
  - Gimme Gimme Halloween Candy
  - Gimme Gimme Pumpkins
  - Gimme Gimme a Leo Conference Shirt
  - Gimme Gimme a Music CD/Album
- Link tree - presented by Sean Benito
  - Free
  - Put link tree link instead of all the social media handles and website link
    - It minimizes how many things we put on the email
    - Can also put links to organizations we are supporting as well
    - Able to be used for donations as well

## **President's Report**

### **4. Presented by Elana Ingwers**

- Theme: "Unity for Our Community"
- Zombie Game

Zombie is a game that promotes mindfulness. From time to time, each of us zones out and enters "zombie mode." To play Zombie, ask your staff if they have done any of the following actions without thinking:

- Put a non-food item in the fridge
- Forgot where you parked
- Tried to get into the wrong car
- Forgot to pick the kids up from school
- Forgot you brought lunch and ordered out
- Accidentally deleted an important email

Most of us have fallen victim to the mistakes on this list at least once or twice in our lives, so you may want to shorten the window to the last six months or so.

- The winners was the Itos

### **District Leo Chair Report**

#### 5. Presented by Winston Watarai

- Please suggest things to make the meeting more fun or informative. If you have any ideas please email the District Secretary at [jadecuster2@gmail.com](mailto:jadecuster2@gmail.com)
- December 19th District 50 Meeting
  - Possibly in person depending on restrictions
  - Bowling
  - Food
  - Other islands we are asking that you try to plan something so that all the clubs on each island can have a little get together
    - Hilo clubs can go to Kona for bowling possibly

### **New Business**

#### 6. Presented by Winston Watarai

- Honolulu City Lights Project-Garrett Ogawa
  - Leos and Lions have up to 3 trees to decorate in a 20 x 20 space
    - We want to use used broken eyeglasses to decorate the trees
    - For clubs that want to participate, we want them to decorate eyeglasses festively for the tree
      - Other islands can mail the decorated eyeglasses or give them to lions that will be traveling to Oahu

#### 7. Presented by Bruddah Sean

- Hilo Crescent City Leo Club
  - A new community-based club not school-based club
  - Age is down to 12 so middle schools will be able to participate as well

- Hilo Crescent City is reaching out to high schools in Hilo so that schools that don't have a Leo Club can have access to a Leo Club and volunteering opportunities
- CONGRATULATIONS HILO CRESCENT CITY!!!

## Old Business

- Scrapbooks
  - Physical or digital copies of scrapbooks
    - Up to preference
    - Physical copies are tradition so we will still be offering the choice to make one
    - Digital scrapbooks could be slideshows/ presentations
    - Officers, please let historians know that they have the option for digital or physical

## Committee

- *Telecommunications + Social Media* - Chaired by the District 50 Officers
  - Centralized email + Instagram
    - We will be starting a constant social media account and email that will be used exclusively from now on instead of switching every year
  - Website
    - The website is currently down but we are working to get it back up
    - We have the domain name back so it will be back up soon
    - Updates and meeting agendas will be posted up there when it is backed up
- *Constitution and Bylaws* - Chaired by the District 50 Officers
  - The Constitution and Bylaws Committee has met so if there are any proposals for amendments please begin to submit them to the District 50 Secretary at jadecuster2@gmail.com.
    - Only small amendments can be made easily
    - Any big changes have to go through a long process
    - Any proposal has to be submitted 60 days before the conference and voted on at the conference
  - [Constitution and Bylaws PDF](#)
- *Contest and Awards* - Co-chaired by Waiakea High School Leo Club and Hilo High School Leo Club
  - We want to put schools into 3 divisions because of their advisors
    - The faculty adviser has to be in attendance
    - Faculty advisers don't have to be in attendance
    - Mixed group

- This is because there are certain clubs that have different rules and because we want all clubs to be recognized it has been proposed to create divisions
- If the divisions will be permanent it needs to be changed in the constitution and bylaws
  - If it is only for this year the constitution and bylaws don't have to be changed.
- Some schools require a faculty advisor present and some require at least an adult supervisor
  - Roosevelt and Konawaena is either the faculty or lion adviser has to be present for liability issue
- Leo Clubs can't have independent projects without an adviser due to liability issues
- Hilo Crescent City will be under Lion's liability
- *District Service Project - Chaired by Mililani High School Leo Club*
  - *Projects are currently limited*
  - *Asynchronous projects*
    - **Kupuna Pals**
      - Leo would have a Lion to be pen pals with and talk story
      - Lions can ask for tech help from the leos like how the district had leos teach social media workshops last year
    - **Food Drive**
      - Each club can do its own food drive and donate to a food bank of their choice
      - Not every club has to donate to the same place
        - This allows us to help out different food banks throughout the state
        - Helps feed homeless/ those in need
    - **Trash Pick Up**
      - Leos can pick up trash around their neighborhoods/ communities, send a selfie with their trash bag as proof of their man-hours/ certify their participation
      - Recommended cleaning time: 1-1.5 hours
      - Document link of the full project description: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mRNU7wLD8s\\_xv39\\_q6C5rkVdlyLTxzQ3jx4cCVXlb\\_3E/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mRNU7wLD8s_xv39_q6C5rkVdlyLTxzQ3jx4cCVXlb_3E/edit?usp=sharing)
    - **Donation Drive**
      - Leo members can bring in items they no longer need or would like to donate
      - Can also solicit donations from their community

- Donate to their respective homeless shelters
- *Conference - Co-chaired by Moanalua High School Leo Club and Konawaena High School Leo Club*
  - We were originally planning to have it on Oahu but it was too expensive so the place we will be having it at KMC (Kilauea Military Center)
  - It will be on May 28-31
  - Cost is TBD because of the transportation cost as well as airfare
  - We may have the Big Island Lions carpool the Leos around if we are unable to get cheap transportation
  - We also need people to chair some of the smaller committees within the conference committee including
    - Security
    - Social Media
    - Registration
      - Design and print name tags
      - Decide on lanyards or clip-on badges
    - Program
      - Make sure guests are welcome
      - Have leis for District Governor, speakers, and dignitaries
    - Icebreakers
    - Agenda
    - MC's
    - Speakers
  - The committee is still deciding the service project for the conference
    - Konawaena is talking with a botanist at the volcano for a possible service project
- *Fundraising - Chaired by Konawaena High School Leo Club*
  - If there is fundraising only within the Leo/Lion community then the money can be used for club use (conference, etc.)
  - If fundraising is to be done with the general public then the fundraising money **HAS** to be used to go towards other projects
  - In fundraising, it's important to talk to the community because it spreads the word about what the Leo/Lion clubs are and what they do.
  - Came up with a couple of probable ideas for fundraisers that could be conducted by everyone in the District.
    - Car Washes
      - Would be selling tickets for this

- \$10 a ticket would make a \$9.50 profit
  - If kept within the Leo/Lion organization, the money can be used for conference or club expense
  - The possible idea to also sell other things at the carwash including lemonade and cookies/ other pastries
- Coupon Pamphlets
  - Coupon book would be worth \$10 each
  - Has coupons that can savings value of \$70-\$110.
  - \$2 each book would go to District Lions, then the rest can go to the club and/or be donated to a charity of choice
  - Pamphlets have a portion that talks about the club and what they do
  - Drawbacks:
    - There is only the one on Oahu currently made
    - Clubs on the outer islands would need to find organizations to help with the coupon book which may be difficult for the clubs to speak with businesses to get coupons
  - Please email Lacey Young at [laceylehuananiyoung@gmail.com](mailto:lanceylehuananiyoung@gmail.com) for any questions or comments
- *Nomination and Elections - Chaired by Moanalua High School Leo Club*
  - Nominations and Elections
    - Nominees can't be over 18
    - Leo has to be in good standing and the club has to be in good standing
      - All dues need to be paid and the Leo has to be in MyLCI
      - Leo should have a member number
    - Nominations should be written and sent to the District Secretary by April 28 (one month before the convention)
      - Nominations have to be on time.
    - Nominations of any qualified Leo for president can be made if no such written nomination was made.
      - The election of the president will be on a secret ballot
      - The majority vote is what chooses the winner for the president or any position
    - A Leo nominated for two offices and elected for both offices may not be elected for both
      - One position must be refused



- Secretary and Treasurer can either be elected or appointed by President
  - President can also refuse the elections of Secretary and Treasurer
  - Possible change to the portion relating to the president being able to elect and kick out the secretary and treasurer
    - Anything regarding the constitution and bylaws needs to be communicated to the lions' cabinet
- Not supposed to have a Leo that is a club officer and district president at the same time
- If the president/vice president isn't approved by Lion's cabinet then-new recommendations have to be submitted till approved
- Each club gets one vote for every 10 members and each club can only vote at the conference for every member present up to the club allowance

### **Next Meeting**

- December 19th District 50 Meeting
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  - b. Bowling
  - c. Food
  - d. Other islands we are asking that you try to plan something so that all the clubs on each island can have a little get together
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Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm by President Elana