

July 2011

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<u>17</u> Relay for Life Clean-Up Wong Stadium 6AM	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> WLC-GM 6 PM Encore	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>
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WAIĀKEA LIONS CLUB



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lions, CIS & Friends,

I must say that when I started writing the President's Letter at this time last year I never figured on still being here to do this again. We had a very good year and I only hope with all of your help we will have another excellent one for 2011-2012. I think what topped the year was the comment that DG (now IPDG) Chris Tamura made at our Awards and Installation Dinner that in his book the Waiakea Lions Club was the top large club in the District because we really fulfill the Lions Motto of "We Serve."

Service is highlighted in our efforts to serve the East Hawaii community. Our Secretary Lion Bob Kawakone compiled the statistics that clearly show this service in that our Lions, CIS, Leos and Friends put in 5,422 hours over the past year. Wow, I now know why my gas bill was so high this past year.

I do want to recognize many Lions for your help this past year. Some were recognized at the Awards & Installation Dinner - and they are featured elsewhere in the bulletin - but I think it is important to recognize that everyone helped make this a special year for the club and each other. So MAHALO to all.

Sometime this Fall we expect that our the Mauna Kea Lions Branch Club will be chartered as the sixth club in Region VII. While this will mean that the overall numbers for Waiakea membership will drop, we do what to wish the new club all the best in the future. Waiakea's Membership Director, Lion Paul Sebala, and his committee have their job cut out for them to bring our membership count back up.

As you know, we have met at Lion Michelle Kimura's business for the past several years (actually close to five years). We are all exceedingly sorry that she is closing Michelle's Hale not only for the convenience of our meetings but also for the ono food and great service. For the time being we are meeting at Restaurant Encore.

This month finds us gearing up for more service to the community. The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life (July 16-17) will find us up to our belly buttons in fun and service. We are joining with the Akaka Falls Lions for the overnight walking, festivities, and food on the 16th. On the morning of the 17th, at early o'clock, more Waiakea Lions will join the "night marchers" in dismantling the site and being fed breakfast by other ACS volunteers.



I am also proud that the Board of Directors decided to resurrect the Sight Committee, under the leadership of Lion Bob Kawakone. Servicing the visually impaired is, after all, the cornerstone of Lionism. We will probably be cleaning eyeglasses and be involved in similar activities shortly - stay tuned.

Mahalo, again, to everyone for a great year. I look forward to working with all of you during the 2011-2012 Lionistic Year.

Lion Pat

BOD Meeting-Important Actions - June 28, 2011

Contributor: Lion Bob Kawakone — WLC Secretary

- Puna Lions Club Installation -1 pm, at Sukothai Restaurant, Pahoehoe, \$15. Headcount by July 15.
- Lion Nate Morita, Akaka Falls Lions Club, funeral services, July 9, Dodo Mortuary Chapel. Lions report at 9 am.

General Membership Meeting-Important Actions - June 21, 2011

Contributor: Lion Bob Kawakone — WLC Secretary

- Guest Speaker: Derek Kurisu provided an excellent talk on the importance of supporting local agriculture. He donated Mountain Apple products for the Lucky Number Draw.
- Future Meeting sites – Sadly, Lion' Michele closed her restaurant for Dinner. The WLC meetings will be held at the Restaurant Encore until further notice.
- Lion Loren Mochida reported that the Boy Scouts had a great camping experience.
- Membership Director - Lion Bob Kawakone reported that as of May 11, 2011, District 50 – Hawaii Lions has 66 clubs, and 1,847 members.

BOD Meeting-Important Actions-June 14, 2011

Contributor: Lion Bob Kawakone — WLC Secretary

- Lion Herbert Watanabe made a motion and 2nd by Lion Billy Lyman to create a WLC - Sight Committee". Motion approved.
- Lion Abe will chair a committee to look into the feasibility of developing a program to subsidize the cost of a Leo joining the WLC after graduating high school.



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UPCOMING SPEAKERS

By: Lion Chuck Bolden—1st VP

WLC members are encouraged to invite a guest speaker to the second GM of each Month. Guest Speakers provide interesting and informative information on programs of interest and importance to our community and help to provide variety for our meetings. Contact Program Chair Lion Chuck at least one month in advance. Provide the name, with correct spelling for the certificate & topic. Speakers should be prepared to speak for 15-30 minutes, including questions, with a brief introduction by the inviting Lion. Guest Speaker should arrive by 5:30, will be provided a meal on the club & a certificate of appreciation

July 19, 2011

Lion Les Estrella has invited **Mari Horike** as our confirmed guest speaker for July 19. Lion Les also recently attended the Governor's Justice Conference- Keeping Hawaii Safe, on Oahu and will provide information on how that will affect our community.

The mentoring program Mari will speak about is targeted at former offenders returning to our communities. They are selected by their case managers and are either soon to be, or are already on parole. This program was awarded federal funding under the Second Chance Act. It is the only one in our state and one of 50 chosen from over 600 applicants nation-wide.

Prisoner reentry intersects many areas in our community and adversely affects all of us if not successful. Most statistics demonstrate that recidivism or reoffending happens to well over 60% of released prisoners without these types of programs. However, with intervention and assistance from community programs and support from family, friends and community members, these recidivism rates can decrease to 1%. This translates to a 90% success rate and increases public safety for everyone.

While recovery from addictions are sometimes a part of their reentry issues, it is only one of the multitude of barriers they face in their journey to become contributing members of our community. The mentoring program is not specifically tied to addiction recovery.

Mentoring is an important piece that helps this population with aspects of their lives that agency programs are not equipped to handle. It connects them to stable and positive persons who are community driven and offers them opportunities to serve others while helping themselves. Hopefully, Lions will be interested in learning more and maybe even becoming a mentor themselves.

Les will be there to introduce Mari and also provide a brief history of the Hawaii County's Going Home Consortium, which he currently serve as their executive committee chair. Les is also with Hawaii Organized for Policy.

Next Month - August 16, 2011:

Jamie Wallin—Women's Head Softball Coach—UH Hilo



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TROOP 19 BOYS SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS

During the month of July, 2008, Lions Bryan Ito, DDS and Loren Mochida (Scout/Cub Masters) met with the Troop 19 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and covered traditional scouting lessons.

The Waiakea Lions Club has sponsored Troop 19 for over ten years with manpower and financial assistance.



The American Cancer Society Relay for Life, July 16 and 17, 2011

Pot Luck

July 16, 2011 at 5 PM, American Cancer Society Relay For Life - Francis Wong Stadium

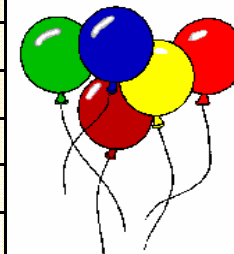
The Waiakea Lions are sharing a booth with Akaka Falls. Please join us at the Akaka Falls Lions Club tent – , Potluck, BYOB. Fellowship with other Lions from Region VII and participate in the fund raising program, all night.

Pot Luck

July 17, 2011 at 6 AM The Lions will participate in a clean up project following the annual American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Work includes picking up all the trash from the Francis Wong baseball field, and from the stadium stands. Also, members take down tents, and remove all banners, signs and billboards. Lions also assist in returning equipment and supplies to their storage areas. Breakfast will be served by the volunteers of the American Cancer Society

WAIĀKEA LIONS BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

Lion Brian (Doc) ITO, DDS	8/23/61
Lion Sam Reynolds	8/25/41
Robert Kawakone	8/11/39
Lion Wilbert Lau	8/1/38
Lion Jonathan Lum	8/4/41
Lion Patrick Naughton	8/23/44
Lion Herb Watanabe	8/29/28
Lion Donald Yoshina	8/14/27





Keep Hawaii Clean, Highway Clean Up July 31, 2011

Project Chair: Lion Ken Rosene

In observance of Keep Hawaii Clean, the WLC selected a two mile stretch of highway from the Wailoa Steel bridge to Pauka'a to clean up. The next pick up is scheduled for July 31, 2011. This is one of the main arteries into historic Hilo town.



Dues 2011-2012

Just a reminder that our Lions dues for 2011 - 2012 is due. Please submit your dues ASAP. If you wish to pay on the installment method, call Lion Bob Kawakone at 969-1542.

Regular Lions: \$160.00 For Life Members: \$121.00 - Associate Lions: \$95.60.



WAIAKEA LIONS CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2011—2012

President
Secretary

Lion Patrick Naughton
Lion Bob Kawakone
& Lion Kayleen Kameda

1st VP
2nd VP
3rd VP
Sergeant at Arms
Tail Twister
Treasurer

Lion Chuck Bolden
Lion Ken Rosene
Lion Craig Watanabe
Lion Sam Reynolds
Lion Loren Mochida
Lion Gerald

Waiakea Lions Club Awards 2010-2011

Lion President Pat Naughton

It is always difficult to select various Lions to receive recognition awards for the past year. All were recognized at the Awards and Installation Dinner on June 25th but I wanted to highlight some of the achievements of those who were honored.

Lion of the Year - Lion Jimmy Miyake is a cornerstone Lion. Not only did he



chair many of the work projects but he also was able to motivate the other members to come out and help. It was interesting to me that in July 2010 when I asked him whether he would be the safety officer for projects he declined BUT then throughout the year he functioned as the safety officer. As far as I know, Lion Jimmy only slipped up once and that was while working on scaffolding on Lion Clifford's "greenhouse" project - fortunately, or unfortunately depending on your perspective, I was underneath him and caught and cushioned his descent. At any rate, Lion Jimmy is a Lion that is always available, works hard, and is the "go-to-guy" for the club.

Mahalo Lion Jimmy.



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Distinguished Service Award

Lion Paul Sebala is a Lion who keeps trying to cutback on his service to the Club but despite himself continues to make very important and crucial contributions to the Club. His work on the Christmas Party, Kuawa Storage, and in tail twisting has been outstanding. And this year he turned lemons into lemonade when CIS Jan took a new position in Honoka`a and he was able to create and lead a new project to help a community group way out there on the Hamakua Coast. *Lion Paul will continue to provide distinguished service as the Membership Director - hopefully his reward of 250 Iraqi Dinars that he received at the Awards dinner will result in significant club growth.*



Secretary's Award - Lion Bob Kawakone again showed us why the individual in the position of secretary is so crucial to a club's success. I know I could never have survived without his help and prodding. We didn't achieve the number 2 place in large clubs (and really #1 in DG Chris Tamura's eyes) in the district through osmosis but because Lion Bob kept District and International informed. I get to see how all the clubs in the district do in reporting and I must say that Lion Bob is **ALWAYS** one of the first and most thorough in his reports.



Leo Advisor - Lion Abe Kubo played a key role this past year in working with one of the best Leo Clubs in the District, at Wai-akea High School. He did such a great job that Lions Club International recognized him with a unique certificate. I think that Lion Abe's "grandfatherly" persona made him especially effective with the Leos and their advisors.



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Outstanding Director - Lion Wayne Kuwaye keeps the members on their collective toes, particularly me, but we all know he will never let the club down. By stepping up as the lead director on the troika that assumed the 1st Vice President's role this year, he made sure that the duties of this pivotal position did not fade. His leadership of the New Year's Party and the Awards & Installation dinner are particularly noteworthy - even if his program for the latter was, shall we say, "unique."



Treasurer's Award - Lion Stan "Fonz" Takemura

not only kept us solvent but he kept the IRS at bay. His skills not only kept me out of jail but he was able to get the IRS to refund us the penalties that had been assessed from the club. Lion Fonz also perpetuated the treasurer's most significant response to any query - nobody says "NO" better than Lion Fonz.

Officers' Awards - Lions Chuck Bolden & Craig Watanabe

were key individuals in making sure the club functioned properly. As 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents, respectively, along with the 1st VP troika of directors, Lions Chuck and Craig made sure things happened. Being president is the "easy" job but making sure that activities and projects take place - and are done well - is the role of the vice presidents. I think these two individuals will ensure that the club will have effective leaders in future years. And I'm sure Lion Chuck has learned not to worry after the success of his Chuckwagon Breakfast experience.



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Achievement Awards - These were presented to six Lions who provided really topnotch service to the community and the club.

Lion Billy Lyman taught all of us more about Hilo than we ever wanted to know in testing our knowledge and our wallets as one of the tail twisters. His leadership of the annual Christmas Party for the disadvantaged kids and their families, ably assisted (or prodded) by his CIS Eileen Treadway, made for a resounding success. I think one of his key contributions was teaching Lion Chuck Bolden to “not worry” about the Chuckwagon Breakfast.



Lion Sam Reynolds is another Lion who went above and beyond his club title of “Lion Tamer.” His construction skills made everyone’s life easier and added significantly to the club’s success, particularly in resurrecting Lion Chuck’s lanai and the walls within the ARC of Hilo’s building. Actually, Lions Sam and Jimmy Miyake showed a lot of tolerance in getting work done while the rest of us puttered around near them.

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Lion Ken Rosene I’m sure thought, that this year he would cruise as IPP but that didn’t happen. His leadership for the KMC golf tournament and ensuring that all members contributed to LCIF made him a special Lion in many of our eyes. And of course he spent much of year living up to his standing as the multiple times winner of the “Convention Party Animal Perpetual Trophy.”



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Lion PID Herb Watanabe

Continued his contribution to the club, district and LCI as the undisputed encyclopedia on Lionism. PID Herb played a significant role in helping the branch club get started and in providing orientation for its members. I have known him since his pre-BOE days and have always counted him as someone who epitomizes our motto of “We Serve.”



Lion Ken Uemura is the club’s chef extraordinaire. Without his expertise all of us would be significantly thinner and more overworked. The club needs to clone him or we will never make it through future Chuckwagon Breakfasts for the next 60 years.

(editorial comment) I could only find a picture of Lion Ken with Lion Prexy Pat, doing what he always does. Working hard in the background



Lion Kayleen Kameda

Lion Kayleen is an outstanding Lion. She comes to EVERY project, is the first one there and stays the longest. I doubt we would be as well organized as we seem to be without her skills.

Now we need her to teach all us old fossils how to text as fast as she does.