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Hilo Jaycee's 60th annual County Fair

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Upcoming Hawaii Lions Events & WLC Projects for 2010

- ❑ October 5th, Tuesday—World Service Day/GM Meeting, 3pm Leleiwi Beach Cleanup
- ❑ October 6th, Wednesday—Zone New Membership Training
- ❑ October 12th, Tuesday—WLC Board of Directors MTG, Michelle's Hale 6pm
- ❑ October 13th, Wednesday—White Cane Awareness Day
- ❑ October 14th, Thursday—Chuckwagon Breakfast MTG Kuwaye Base Yard 5:30pm
- ❑ October 15th, Friday—Xmas Party for Disadvantage Keiki, Lion Billy's 5:30pm
- ❑ October 16th, Saturday—Puna Lions Fund Fest, Keaau Comm Ctr, 5:30pm
- ❑ October 16th, Saturday—District 50 2nd Cabinet MTG, Oahu Damien H/S
- ❑ October 19th, Tuesday—WLC GM MTG Michelle's Hale Visit from DG Chris Tamura, 6pm
- ❑ October 26th, Tuesday—WLC BOD MTG, Michelle's Hale, 6pm
- ❑ October 22nd, Friday—Make a Difference Day Hospice Clean Up, WLC Lions 2:30pm
- ❑ October 23rd, Saturday—Make a Difference Day Hospice Clean Up, Lions and WHS Leos 8:30am

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President's Message—By Prexy Pat Naughton



Aloha Fellow Lions and CIS

September was a month with lots of activities. We had the Vision Van to keep many of us busy at our primary club site at Hilo High School and at other sites in both East and West Hawai'i helping

other clubs in Regions VII and VIII. **For her leadership in making the Vision Van project successful, and for sponsoring a new cub last month, the Club was happy to award the Lion of the Month to Lion Malia Ushijima.**

I am happy to report that Lion Clifford Yamaguchi survived his three operations in Honolulu and is now back with us in Hilo. It will be a while before he can make it to meetings but if you have the time I am sure he would be happy to have you visit him at home.

Another of our members, Lion James Kojima, needs our prayers for his recovery. Lion Jimmy has been diagnosed with a serious ailment but I visited him last week and he is in good spirits. His doctor thought he would be wheel-chaired bound but was happy to see him up and about under his own steam. That should give all of us hope for a good prognosis and eventual recovery for Lion Jimmy. If you have time give him a call and stop by for a visit.

Making sure that our members are keeping well is a major duty of the club. If you are aware of any member in need of support please contact me (968-1290) so we can get the Good Cheer Committee operational.

Coming up later this month, on October 19th, DG Chris Tamura will be making his annual visitation. Those of you who attended the 60th Anniversary Banquet probably saw DG Chris in action. He has a lot of drive and positive energy so I know his message to all will be "very interesting." DG Chris will be meeting with the Board of Directors at 5:30

followed at 6:00 by our regular general member-

ship meeting. We will be keeping the business side of the meeting very short though it looks like we will be inducting a new Lion that evening, too. I look forward to seeing everyone at the DG Visitation on October 19th. Lion Wayne Kuwaye will be very upset if some of you don't show up that night, and you know what that can mean! Watch out!!

The Hilo Lions Club is having a fundraiser to benefit the "Na Hale Ho'omana Program" that provides a therapeutic program for emotionally/behaviorally youth 3-21 years of age. These youngsters reside in foster homes here in Hilo. Monies derived from this fundraiser, will enable the program to support the children in these foster homes and to cheer them up a little more during the Christmas season. The Hilo Lions will be selling two items: Chili bowls for \$5.00 and Bentos for \$6.00. The tickets are available from Club members and friends. Please call Lion Momi Mauhili at 959-1921 if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

Hawai'i had a very low turnout during the primary election, only 39 percent. Let us all make sure we set the example by all going to the polls on November 2nd. As one preacher noted after the poor showing last month, "the crooks in government were elected by all those good people who didn't go to the polls."

Thank you to all who supported World Service Day at Leleiwi Beach Park on October 5th. Mahalo, too, to those Lions who have met IPP Lion Ken Rosene's call to support LCIF by your generous donation. I would like us to reach 100 percent participation, please don't hide when you see Lion Ken heading your way.

Imua Waiakea Lions,

Prexy Ken Naughton





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PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2010

By Lion Bob Kawakone

- ☐ WLC Eye Care Program—Provided eye care services for two eligible residents at the Big Island Vision Center on September 2nd and 5th. Two WLC Lions participated in this project.
- ☐ Region VII Vision Van Project—The Waiakea Lions Club focused on the underserved population of Hawaii County as well as the general public, providing free retina screening. The screening was done at Hilo High School with a total of 79 people being screened from September 3rd thru the 10th. 15 Lions, 2 CIS and 1 guest participated in this project.
- ☐ Waiakea High School Leo Training Forum—On the recommendation of Region Chair Cedric Mitsui, the members of Waiakea High School Leo Club held a training forum for their incoming officers and new members on September 5th. A total of 4 Lions, 8 Leos and 3 advisors participated in this forum.
- ☐ 2010-2011 Leo Officers and New Members Induction—On September 12th, incoming officers and new members of the WHS Leo Club were inducted by PID Herbert Watanabe at the Waiakea High School Library. PID Herbert was assisted by Lion Abe Kubo, our liaison to the WHS Leo program on September 12th. 2 Lions and 59 Leos participated in this induction.
- ☐ Waiakea High School Leo School Supply Drive—The members of the WHS Leo Club donated \$60 worth of school supplies to the underprivileged students of Waiakea Elementary School. RC Cedric Mitsui, Lions Malia Ushijima and Hailialoha Jensen matched the \$60 donated by the Leos for a total of \$120 worth of school supplies that was delivered to the Waiakea Elementary School on September 21st. 3 Lions and 59 Leos participated in this drive.
- ☐ Waiakea Lions Club Special Food Drive—\$250 worth of food was donated to the Special Food Basket Drive by our members on September 21st. This was a special drive due to the shortage of food being experienced by our local Food Basket. 29 Lions participated in this drive.
- ☐ Akaka Falls Lions Club Annual Diabetes Conference—Members of the WLC attended the Akaka Falls Lions Club Annual Diabetes Conference held at the WHS cafeteria on September 4th. 15 Lions, 2 CIS and 1 guest participated in this conference.
- ☐ HMSA Flu Shot Clinic—Members of the Waiakea Lions Club assisted the staff members of the HMSA's Integrated Services, Inc, with their Flu Shot Clinic, held at the Prince Kuhio Plaza on September 18th. 8 Lions and 1 Guest participated in this clinic.
- ☐ Akaka Falls Annual Fund Fest—Members of the WLC attended the Akaka Falls Lions Club Annual Fund Fest on September 11th. 10 Lions (representing 29.4% of our active members), 5 CIS and 2 guests participated in this fundraiser.
- ☐ Puna Lions Club Annual Steak Fry—Members of the WLC attended the Puna Lions Club Annual Steak Fry. 15 Lions (representing 44.1% of our active members), and 6 CIS attended this fundraiser.
- ☐ **September 2010 WLC Lion of the Month goes out to Lion Malia Ushijima, for chairing the Waiakea Lions Vision Van Project and for sponsoring a new member, Lion Hailialoha Jensen. This was Lion Malia's first project and it was a huge success. Congratulations to Lion Malia, WLC's September 2010, Lion of the Month, for a job well done and we're not talking steak fry!**



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DG Newsletter



Aloha Fellow Lions!

Having recently returned from the USA/Canada Forum, I had the opportunity to compare notes with other District Governors ("DG") that I attended DG School with. The North America clubs, of which we are a part of, are minus approximately 3,500 members. As a District, we have held our own by breaking even (no membership gain or loss) as of September 30. This is in spite of an extraordinary number of Lions passing away and moving off island. We are doing a great job in adding new members to our clubs so keep up the great work. Retaining our members continues to be our main issue so we need to keep mentoring our Lions, engage them with meaningful service and ensure that they all have an equal voice in your clubs. Comparing our District to my fellow DG's Districts, all of you have been doing a fantastic job.

For those of you who frequent our website, you may have already discovered that changes are in the works. We are designing a new website that will be more user friendly and easier to maintain. Our website has become a tremendous vehicle for communicating our message to the public and to our membership as well as disseminating vital information within our District. Many of us rely heavily on this method of communication and we ask for your patience while we undertake these changes. Cabinet Secretary Lion Marie Luna will be an important communication vehicle during this period of time and maybe some of us will discover that little used communication device called the telephone.

October is a month designated to serve the blind, visually impaired and preventable blindness. There will be White Cane Walks on the various islands which brings attention to the needs and care of the blind, many clubs will be continuing to screen elementary and preschool children with our new Vision Screening kits and clubs will be celebrating Lions World Sight Day by honoring those with vision issues. All of these projects and activities in one way or another involve partnering with other organizations, like Ho'opono Services for the Blind, our Public Schools or even with other Clubs in our District. I always believe there is strength in numbers so partnerships and collaboration is a great way to accomplish great things. Let's keep up our commitment to service.

The month of November kicks off the traditional holiday season. Our District has a unique opportunity to partner with the local food banks throughout the State and collect food and donations to help those in need. This coordinated effort will be held on November 20th and we are asking all clubs to help contribute, in whatever way possible. The major planned event is a central drop

off location on Oahu fronting the State Capitol on Beretania Street. This is where the Public can drop off their donations and we can communicate our message of who we are and the great service we provide. Lion Nadine Nishioka is coordinating this effort through your Zone Chairpersons so please work with them in finding out how you can serve in your respective communities.

This is a Lions Sponsored Food Drive so let's show the State how great we are! Our Second Cabinet Meeting and District Forum that have been held traditionally on two days in November will be combined on one day, October 16, at Damien Memorial School. There will be a presentation on Eyeglass Recycling and the upcoming Lions in Sight Project, January 15, by Lion Alice Kudo and public relations by Lion Jim Bryan in relation to this activity. Our Leadership Chairperson Lion Region Chairperson Dr. Cedric Mitsui has put together a great Forum with interesting topics and great presenters. The Forum will follow the Cabinet Meeting, so come for both; you will not be disappointed. Although registration forms were sent to all clubs earlier, walk-ins are more than welcome. At the USA/Canada Forum, I remarked to my fellow District Governors that it was our goal to have all 65 clubs in our District file at least their Monthly Membership Reports ("MMR") with Lions Clubs International on time. They looked at me and smiled with a sarcastic "good luck" grin. Well, in our third try, we did it! All 65 clubs in our District timely filed their September MMR. This report is important to our International leaders as it gives them a feeling of how our District is progressing. Although service is our primary focus, we still have administrative responsibilities to fulfill. Most of this falls upon your club secretary so please commend them for the great job they are doing for your club and your District.

I would personally like to congratulate all Secretaries, Presidents, Zone and Region Chairpersons for your tremendous effort in this milestone accomplishment. Special mahalo to Cabinet Secretary Lion Marie for her persistence in making this happen.

As I continue on this journey of visiting with all of the clubs in our District, I am continually impressed with the service all of you are providing to your communities and assisting those in need. You make me proud to be the leader of this great District.

Keep up the good work and continue to be that:

"Beacon of Hope" with "Your Vision with Passion."



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Happy Birthday Fellow Lions!!!

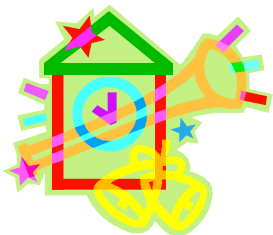


Tony Arruda—10-23
Kayleen Kameda—10-6
Sam Kawamura—10-4
Randy Miyamoto—10-23
Alan Shiraiishi—10-13
Clifford Yamaguchi—10-7



You became a Lion When???

Wayne Kuwaye—10-87
James Miyake—10-86
Loren Mochida—10-96
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60TH ANNUAL HILO JAYCEE'S COUNTY FAIR

BY LION CRAIG WATANABE



The 60th Annual Hilo Jaycee's County Fair was a huge success with rain (finally!) on the last day and evening of the event.

As in years past, the Waiakea Lions Club and the Waiakea High School Leos have volunteered to man the information and ticket booths over the four days of this fair.

This year the WHS Leo's were having so much fun manning and public addressing the KAPA



Information Booth with the Lions literally having to tell them to "Go Home". It's pretty obvious, that next year we could probably rely on the WHS Leo's to run it completely with just a handful of Lions to supervise.

Mahalo to all the WLC Lions their CIS' and WHS Leos that participated in this event.



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