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Upcoming Hawaii Lions Events & WLC Projects for 2010

- ☐ September 16th –19th, Thursday—Sunday—Hilo Jaycees Information Booth
- ☐ September 18th, Saturday—HMSA Flu Shot Clinic, Prince Kuhio Plaza, next to Radio Shack
- ☐ September 21st, Tuesday—Waiakea Lions GM Meeting, 6pm, Michelle's Hale
- ☐ September 25th, Saturday—Puna Lions Steak Fry, Pahoia Sacred Hearts Parish Hall, 10-2pm \$12
- ☐ September 28th, Tuesday—Waiakea Lions BOD Meeting, 6pm Michelle's Hale
- ☐ October 5th, Tuesday—World Service Day/GM Meeting, 3pm Leleiwi Beach Cleanup

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President's Message—By Prexy Pat Naughton



Aloha Fellow Lions and CIS'

Well, we are well into the Lionistic year. We have a number of activities coming up so watch your e-mails and attend meetings so you know what is happening.

First of all I ask all Lions to keep Lion Clifford Yamaguchi in your thoughts. As many of you know, Lion Clifford underwent bypass surgery in Honolulu on August 31st. So far so good. He said before going in that he would be out of circulation for at least six weeks but we all wish Lion Cliff a speedy recovery. Lions Jimmy Miyake and Wayne Kuwaye are feeding/housing the animals.

By the time this newsletter comes out the Big Island Lions will have hosted the Vision Van at various geographic locations on both sides of the island. Mahalo for all the Waiakea members who came out on September 4th to operate the van at Hilo High School.

The meeting model we adopted this year seems to be working well, one business meeting and one program meeting. There will be a slight change in October as the first meeting on October 5th will be a joint project with our Waiakea High Leos to cleanup Lelewi Beach Park. And the second meeting of the month is the annual DG visitation. We hope to make this a 100 percent night so plan on coming out to meet and greet DG Chris Tamura and join in the festive activities that Lions Wayne, Jimmy & Loren are planning.

Immediate Past President Lion Ken Rosene will be approaching each Lion member to make a donation to LCIF. Any amount would be

appreciated but I would like us to reach 100 percent participation. So don't run and hide when you see Lion Ken coming, just get out your checkbook. If you have been reading your Lions Magazine you will know how many good things are accomplished through LCIF.

Waiakea Lions had the opportunity to help the other dens in Region VII this month. Akaka Falls had their funfest on September 11th and Puna Lions have their steak fry on the 25th. As many of you know, the Waiakea Lions had the biggest contingent at the Hilo Lions Funfest in August, we even outnumbered the host club. Let's keep up this level of support to our sister clubs.

Lastly, I hope all Lions performed your civic duty on September 18th by voting in the primary election. My Irish grandfather in New York City used to follow the bosses' orders "to vote early and vote often." So while we won't be able to vote more than once, there are a number of races where your vote will mean something. The main thing is to participate in our democracy.

Imua Waiakea Lions,

Lion Prexy Pat Naughton





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PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2010

By Lion Bob Kawakone

July 21st, 2010—56 Waiakea Lions donated \$250 worth of school supplies for underprivileged students at Hilo High School. Supplies included notebooks, folders, paper, pens and pencils which were distributed to 60 students.

August 3rd, 2010— 18 Lions labeled 112 magazines which were delivered the next day to the Hilo Medical Center and the Hilo Veterans Hospital. For 27-years, the Waiakea Lions Club has recycled thousands of magazines that have been appreciated by both patients and visitors of these two establishments.

August 5th, 2010—Lions Cedric Mitsui and Malia Ushijima provided free eye care services to two local Hilo residences who were either unemployed or lacked health insurance thru the Waiakea Lions Eye Care Program, founded by WLC Lion Cedric Mitsui, a practicing optometrist here in Hilo.

August 14th, 2010—Eight Waiakea Lions attended the Region VII MERLO Training at Encore Restaurant. Kudos to the members of our District 50 MERLO team for a very informative training forum.

August 14th, 2010—Waiakea Lion Malia Ushijima attended the vision screening training at Kaumakapili Church on Oahu to learn about the new vision screening instruments that District 50 is purchasing for each Zone.

August 18th, 2010—Six Waiakea Lions attended the Region VII Leadership training on protocol. PID Herbert Watanabe, District 50 Aloha Protocol Committee Chair was the trainer for the two-hour class.

August 21st, 2010—Fifteen Waiakea Lions, 8 CIS' and two guests attended the Hilo Lions Club Fundfest. The fellowship during this Fundraiser was enjoyed by all.

August 23, 24 and 28, 2010—Nine Waiakea Lions worked on WLC Lion Clifford Yamaguchi's residence pouring concrete to fill in the area around his home to make it more accessible for Lion Clifford to walk around after losing his lower right leg to Diabetes. In appreciation, Lion Clifford donated \$1,000 to the Waiakea Lions administrative account. This is Lionism at it's best!

August 29th, 2010—13 Lions participated in the quarterly Highway cleanup. Waiakea Lions participates in the Hawaii State Highway Department's Adopt a Highway program, by cleaning up a 2-mile stretch of highway from the Wailuku metal bridge to the Pauka'a intersection. Also attending this project was Zone Chair Ben Cockett of Akaka Falls Lions Club.



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DG Newsletter

Aloha Fellow Lions!

What a fast and furious two months it has been. I want to thank all of the clubs that I have visited and I look forward to the many visitations in the coming months. What strikes me when visiting clubs is the diverse ways in which our clubs conduct its meetings. Some are very formal while others are not. The common thread that is evident in all meetings is the camaraderie and dedication to serving others. We continue to do the great work serving those in need, but, we also need to keep the bonds of friendship that we have developed between our fellow Lions. These friendships lasts a lifetime.

The first two months of the year was also a brutal one for membership. We dropped 57 members in the first two months. Year after year, retention has always been our challenge. Our MERLO team has been preaching the importance of retaining our members in the various forums that they have been presenting. They have been to Kauai, Hilo and Kona and will be going to Maui on October 9th and will be at the District Forum on October 16th following the Cabinet Meeting.

The MERLO Team is a great resource of information and ideas but they will only be effective if clubs and its members apply what is communicated by the Team. Let's treat all members as a valuable part of our Lions family and not lose them.

On the brighter side, we did bring in 41 new members in these two months. This is fantastic! We now have 41 new pairs of hands to help in our service. Please embrace these new members, keep them engaged in service and listen to their needs and expectations.

International President Sid Scruggs has produced a Beacon of Hope lapel pin. I will be presenting these pins to Lions in District 50 who have provided outstanding service, contributed to the well being of our District or have gone above and beyond the call. Thus far, I have presented pins to Lions Jason Yama (Work with IYC and President of the Kalakaua LC), Wendell Hosea (Safe Sidewalk project) and Alice Kudo (Eyeglass Recycling Distribution). All of these Lions should be congratulated for their efforts.

Our Vision and Hearing Screening program got off to a great start with training on August 14th and the Wilson Elementary School Vision/Hearing Screening on August 27th sponsored by the Koko Head Lions Club. It was heartwarming to see 48 Lions from 15 different clubs participating in this valuable service. 307 students were tested with 49 being referred for further follow up. What a great impact we had on 49 of our youths. The momentum is building so we need all Lions to "get on the wave" and make a difference in our youths' development and future. There are many other screenings set up at various schools throughout the year or this is a great opportunity to start a screening in a school near you. Contact Zone Chairperson Lion Sam Fisk (Vision) or PDG Roy Nishida (Hearing) for this information and get involved.

The Project Vision Van will be traversing the communities on the Big Island through the middle of September with the sponsorship of Regions 7 and 8. The Safe Sidewalk project continues its march through Downtown Honolulu on September 11th and 18th (contact Lion Wendell Hosea). These are great Region and District projects to be involved with. You can provide much needed service to your communities and meet Lions from different clubs. This is where you will get the most out of your Lions membership.

Finally I want to thank Lion Ernie Shoji for producing and distributing the Leo Liona last month. The Leo Liona is our District's official publication and I am glad that it is back in production. Mahalo Lion Ernie for your dedication in keeping us informed and updated on District happenings.

The next time you go to a Lions Club meeting, cherish the friendships that you have made. We have all made a commitment to help others, but, sometimes we also need to help ourselves.

Lion Chris Tamura
District Governor
District 50 Hawaii



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Happy Birthday Fellow Lions!!!

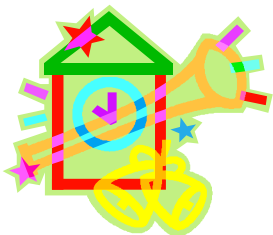


Clement Chang—9/14
Wayne Kuwaye—9/19
Conan Nakamura—9/15
Gerald Seikaku—9/8



You became a Lion When???

Chuck Bolden—9/2006
Helene Hale—9/2009
George Kodani—9/1977
Richard Kodani—9/1999
Melvin Kunimoto—9/1978





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