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## ***Upcoming Hawaii Lions Events & WLC Projects for 2010***

- Tuesday, November 16th—GM Meeting, Michelle's Hale 6pm to include: Hale Oluea Clothing donations, magazine recycling, District Food Drive donations
- Tuesday, November 23rd—BOD Meeting Michelle's 6pm
- Friday, November 26th, Ben Franklin Craft Fair, Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium, 8:30am, Set up Facility and first day of Craft Fair. Starts 2pm to 9pm, need 10 Lions.
- Friday and Saturday, November 26-27th, Waiakea Lions to provide security for the Craft Fair, from 9pm to 9am.
- Saturday, November 27th, Ben Franklin Craft Fair, Edith Kanakaole Tennis Stadium, 2nd day, starts 9am to 3pm. Waiakea Lions in charge of clean up from 3pm till pau, need 10-15 Lions
- Saturday, November 27th, Christmas Parade, starts from the King Kamehameha statue, 5:30pm. Need 5-7 Lions to accompany float.

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## President's Message—By Prexy Pat Naughton

### Aloha Fellow Lions and CIS

Time is slipping by and Christmas is almost upon us. Our annual Keiki Christmas Party comes early this year, on December 5th. Santa has promised to take time out from his busy schedule to be with us and make the day a special one for all the kids - no matter what age.

There are a number of on-going projects that will see the Lions of Waiakea as busy as ever in November so please help all of us live up to our motto of "We Serve!" Don't forget to bring canned goods and monetary donations to the November 16th General Membership meeting for the Food Basket. Nani Lee, the Director of the Food Basket, will be our speaker that evening. Also please bring used men's and women's clothing for Hale Oluea to this meeting along with your magazines for recycling.

The Club was happy to recognize Lion Kevin Ono as Lion of the Month for October for his service to the Vision Van project and the Hospice Cleanup project. Lion Kevin was very brave to weedwhack in slippers. CIS Nora, have you counted Lion Kevin's toes lately to see if he has all of them?

The Club is waiting word from District 50 to see if our two nominations and one alternate have been selected for the Leadership Institute to be held in January. Lions Kayleen Kameda and Gerald Seikaku are our nominees with Lion Malia Ushijima as the alternate. Do I hear future presidents' bells ringing in the near future?

Hats off to our slate of vice presidents - they have been keeping us moving on short- and long-term projects. Our 1st Vice President Troika, led by our recent Kanreki Director Lion Wayne Kuwaye, ably assisted by Lions Jimmy Miyake and Loren Mochida, have the Food Basket organized. 2nd Vice President Lion Chuck Bolden has his hands full with the Chuckwagon Breakfast but he is also canvassing members for nominations for the District 50 Humanitarian Award. Lion Chuck is looking for a chair for the "Hats Off to the American Red Cross" project slated for April. 3rd Vice President Lion Craig

Watanabe has the most spaghetti to keep track of right now but he has some great chairs for the Ben Franklin Craft Fair, Christmas Parade, Keiki Christmas Party, Weinberg Project, zoo cage project, Hospice Light Up a Life project, and bell ringing days at KTA. Come up for air once in a while Lion Craig.

It has been great seeing that our two Lions who were laid up this fall seem to be recovering well. Both Lions Clifford Yamaguchi and Jimmy Kojima were seen partying it up at Lion Wayne's Kanreki event. That is a great sign.

The club is looking ahead to next year already. The Club has endorsed the candidacy of 1st Vice District Governor Eric Nordemeier to be District Governor for 2011-2012. Some of you might remember VDG Eric from his attendance at our 60th Anniversary party. Plans are also moving forward, under Region Chair Cedric Mitsui, for a branch club at UH Hilo/Hawaii Community College. The branch club will be under Waiakea which should help us remain the largest club in Region VII.

I want to wish all the happiest of Thanksgivings. But don't eat too much as we have full plate of activities and fun in the weeks afterwards.



**Imua Waiakea Lions**

**Lion Prexy Pat**





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## PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2010

By Lion Bob Kawakone

- Waiakea Lions Eye Care Program—On October 1st and the 5th Waiakea Lions Cedric Mitsui and Malia Ushijima provided eye care services for four eligible people during the month of October (those without vision insurance). Eye exams, contact lenses and frames were provided.
- Leo Program—During the month of October (October 5, 12, 19 and 26), Lion Abe Kubo (the WLC Liaison to the Leos Program) met with the Leos every Tuesday. Lion Abe discussed the upcoming joint projects that are scheduled from October through December. The Leos are also participating in the WLC Keiki Christmas Party scheduled for December 5th. The WHS Leos play an important role in this project.
- Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts of Troop 19—Lions Loren Mochida and Bryan Ito (Scout Masters) met with the Cub/Boy Scouts of Troop 19 three times during October, conducting traditional scouting lessons and training.
- LCI World Service Day—27 Lions, 42 Leos and three Leo advisors observed LCI World Service Day by conducting a major cleanup at the Leilei Beach Park. The park clean up started at 3:30pm followed by dinner at 5:30pm. Our regularly scheduled GM meeting followed the dinner. A total of 82 bags of trash were picked up with nine pavilions and two restrooms cleaned. In addition, shrubs were trimmed and the grass was cut.
- Region VII White Cane Observance Day—Five Waiakea Lions and members of the Akaka Falls Lions club participated in the 2nd Annual Region VII White Cane Awareness Day Program on October 13th. Five DHHS employees also walked around the new State Judiciary building along with 31-people with visual impairments and their companions from the Hilo, Kona, Waimea and Puna Districts. Kudos to RC Lion Cedric Mitsui who founded this activity last year with the assistance from DHHS.
- Eye Glass and Cell Phone Recycling—On October 8th, Lion Malia Ushijima and prospective new member Penny Fox recycled 75 pairs of eyeglasses that were sent to District 50. They also recycled ten cell phones that were delivered to the AT&T Shelter for Abused Women.
- Make a Difference Day—On October 22-23rd, 15 WLC Lions, 37 Leos and one Leo Advisor observed LCI Make a Difference Day by jointly clearing the new property of Hospice of Hilo. Kudos to our members and to the Leos for their participation in this project.
- Puna Lions Club Annual Fund Fest—On October 16th, 7 WLC Lions and 3 CIS attended the Puna Lions Club Annual Fund Fest. The Lions Fund Fest included a buffet steak dinner, entertainment, bingo and a silent auction.
- Region VII Leadership Training—On October 6th, Lion Bob Kawakone (WLC Membership Dir) and Lion Wayne Kuwaye (Committee Member) attended the Membership Committee Workshop that was conducted by Region VII Chair Cedric Mitsui and Zone One Chair Ben Cockett.
- Recognition of a Life Member—On October 19th, DG Chris Tamura along with WLC Prexy Pat Naughton and IPDG Alan Garson honored Lion Samuel Kawamura as a Life Member for his devoted membership of 16-years and commitment to Lionism.
- Planning MTG for the WLC Branch Club—Was held at the Big Island Vision Center on October 25th at 5:30pm for our new WLC Branch Club at UH-Hilo/HCC. Members of this planning committee included PID Herbert Watanabe, RC VII Chair Cedric Mitsui, Lions Bob Kawakone, Abe Kubo, Paul Sebala and Billy Lyman. The Mauna Kea Branch Club at UHH/HCC is tentatively scheduled for January 2011. The potential list of member's officers was established and a schedule of the Informational & Organizational meetings were also scheduled.



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## DG Newsletter



### **Aloha Fellow Lions!**

I recently took a tour of the Ho'opono Services for the Blind (Ho'opono) and I came away impressed and amazed at what the organization is doing for the blind and visually impaired. I am also proud of our Lions throughout the District for contributing your time, energy and resources to assist Ho'opono in providing a valuable service for our blind community. We have three blind members in our District: Lions Kevin Kimura (Kalakaua Lions Club), Milton Ota (Kaimuki Lions Club) and Sharon Ige (Pearl City Lions Club). We are fortunate to have them as Lions and I am hopeful that we will have many more that will join us in service. Most of us are lucky in that we have our sight. We take for granted what the blind and visually impaired work hard at achieving everyday. I want to thank Ho'opono Community Services Coordinator and President of the Honolulu Lions Club Lion Gavan Abe and his staff for an informative and eye opening experience.

November is Lions Diabetes Awareness Month with World Diabetes Day recognized on November 14th. Our District Diabetes Awareness Chairperson Lion Tracy Aruga has been doing a great job in bringing this disease to our attention over the past few years. He has promoted Diabetes Conferences, developed a table display for clubs to use which provides information about diabetes and has promoted the Vision Van, which is one way of identifying eye issues that result from diabetes. One result of long term diabetes is Diabetic Retinopathy which leads to vision issues and blindness. The Vision Van is a great resource that has the ability to identify vision issues, like diabetic retinopathy. It is a tool that can be used to prevent blindness and promote what we do as Lions. In honor of World Diabetes Day, Region 2 Zone 1 clubs (Ewa, Makakilo-Kapolei, Kapolei City, Lualualei and Waianae) will be hosting the Vision Van at the Kapolei Costco. They will also be providing vision screening for children who are accompanied by their parents. This is one of the many visible projects that I know our clubs will be participating in throughout the month to battle this (silent killer) disease.

One of the greatest programs to be introduced to our District is the Lions Leadership Institute. I think all of the graduates of this program would agree that it is worth the price of admission and the three days of invested time. Those attending will have the opportunity to meet other Lions from all over the State and share best practices and different perspectives of being a Lion. You will not only be a better Lion by going to this institute but a better person. Deadline for signing up is November 20th so don't let this opportunity pass you by. Contact Lion Ken Nishibun for further information. I would be remiss for not thanking Past International Director ("PID") Lion Mel Nakamura for

his persistence in bringing the Institute to our District year after year. Mahalo PID Mel.

With the traditional holiday season fast approaching, November 20th is earmarked as our Hawaii Lions Food Drive. According to the Hawaii Food Bank (Oahu), this could not have come at a more opportune time as currently there is only a one day supply of canned food in stock. Let's all make an attempt to help the less fortunate and what better way to do this is to feed Hawaii's hungry. On Oahu we have the main drop off location fronting the State Capitol on Beretania Street so come out from 8:00am to noon and join your fellow Lions in Service. Contact your Zone Chairpersons for more information on other locations and times.

Immediate Past District Governor Lion Dr. Alan Garson, in his administration, and I have been promoting "Visible Service Projects". Some may ask "Why should we be visible? We do great work and that should be enough in itself." Visibility in our communities and the State of Hawaii is what will sustain our organization in the long run. Without being visible, we lose leverage in recruiting and retaining members. Without being visible, potential donors would not be willing to fund our programs and activities if they don't know about it or us. Times are changing and we need to adjust with the times and promote ourselves and our Organization if we expect to maintain the great level of service that we have grown accustomed to. I have been promoting visibility through District projects not only to be visible but also to allow all clubs to participate in service. Most of us joined our Lions Clubs to give back in service. Let's take advantage of these opportunities.

This is the time of the year when we all start gearing up for the holiday seasons. It is also a time to give thanks for all of the blessings that we have. I would like to thank all of you for contributing your time, talents and resources in giving back to your communities. Your giving is truly from the heart and that is what makes our organization so special. Please have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving and may you be blessed as you have blessed others.

**Mahalo and Aloha,**

**Lion Chris Tamura  
District Governor  
District 50 Hawaii**





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## Happy Birthday Fellow Lions!!!

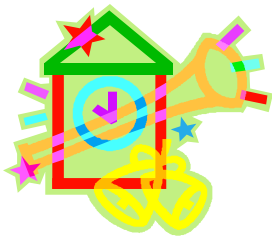


**William "Billy" Lyman—11/9**  
**Harold Suzuki—11/11**  
**Kenneth Uemura—11/14**



## You became a Lion When???

**Jay Ignacio—11/88**  
**Kayleen Kameda—11/09**  
**Dan Landis—11/02**  
**Ken Rosene—11/05**  
**Gerald Seikaku—11/09**





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## LCI: CYBER EXPANSION

By Lion Hailialoha Jenson

More than just our club is technologically expanding its reach. Besides Waiakea's own Cyber Lions program, Lions Clubs International recently announced "Lions on the Web" that encourages Lions to participate in social networking and outside online communities.

Among the new online communities available for Lions' learning and input are: Twitter, Facebook, MySpace, LinkedIn, YouTube, WordPress and Flickr. Essentially covering all the bases, you can now learn more about Lions' causes through video clips, photos, activity blogs, and you can share your own stories and experience with all your friends on Facebook.

"As Lions, we are in good company. We have fun in our clubs. And when we meet fellow Lions for the first time, we treat them like old friends. And now, there are some exciting new online communities to help you connect with other Lions" (Lions Clubs International, 2010). Impart ideas and accelerate planning! Expand the Lions vision and global reach by sharing with others today.

This will certainly help to extend Lions Clubs capacity for inter-club communication and expand our horizons. Will you participate?

**(Editor's Note)** The Waiakea Lions Club of Hilo is active on the worldwide web with its own blogsite: [www.waiakealionsclub.posterous.com](http://www.waiakealionsclub.posterous.com) with a handful of WLC members actually conversing on Facebook. Thru the use of social media, Lions from District 50 have begun to form an online alliance connecting the various clubs of District 50 into one seamless integration of Lionism we call Hawaii Lions. Facebook allows Waiakea Lions and others throughout District 50 to communicate to each other in

ways we couldn't before. Eventually our WLC blogsite will be the mainstay for information of our club's activities and information. Waiakea Lions Cyber Lions program will allow WLC Lions who cannot attend GM meetings to provide their expertise in other ways.

This Newsletter is a prime example of the collaborative efforts of several Waiakea Lions who communicate thru email and other forms of online means such as Facebook to gather and combine stories that are eventually published here on Ka Leo O Ka Liona. Not one of us met in person to discuss or handle information relevant to this newsletter. From an operational standpoint this newsletter could have been assembled anywhere in the world.

If you haven't visited our blogsite, I invite you to do so. Slowly there will be more and more information to review there that will guide and inform WLC members who cannot make it to our various projects or meetings. This newsletter can produce only a fraction of what our blogsite can handle. Photos, videos, stories, projects, and even late breaking updates will be made available soon. As the outgoing Bulletin Editor, this blogsite will keep WLC Lions informed whether you're in Hilo or all the way across the pond in the Continental United States (CONUS).

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