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Upcoming Hawaii Lions Events & WLC Projects for 2011

There are no events planned as of this printing for the month of December.
Stay tuned for upcoming events for the month of January 2011 in next month's issue
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*Have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season for
2010*

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President's Message—By Prexy Pat Naughton

Mele Kalikimaka Fellow Lions and CIS



I hope everyone had their fill of Thanksgiving turkey and stayed away from the malls on Black Friday!

November left with a bang for Waiakea Lions and December came roaring in with more projects. Thankfully the Board has taken pity on us all by canceling the Dec. 21st GM and the Dec. 28th BOD meetings. I hope

all of you were informed that the Dec. 7th GM meeting was rescheduled to the Keiki Christmas Party on Dec. 5th. If you miss our get togethers I'm sure Lion Michelle will welcome you dropping in to her restaurant just for the grinds if not a visit.

On December 3 & 4 we brought joy to others through the ringing of bells for the Salvation Army at the Puainako KTA. The Waiakea Lions rang in \$1,768.45 over the two days. Mahalo to the 20 Waiakea Lions and 14 Waiakea High School Leos that participated in this event. Mahalo to Lion Tony Arruda for chairing this successful project!

Also on December 4th Lions Wilbert Lau, Wayne Kuwaye, Chuck Bolden and Craig Watanabe participated in Hospice of Hilo's Tree of Remembrance at the Prince Kuhio Mall collecting over \$400 in donations during the two hours stationed at Macy's.

The Keiki Christmas Party on December 5th, shaped up to be a great event again. There was nothing better than watching a child's face light up when they saw Santa and receive presents, particularly so because for many of the Keiki who attended this would be the only time this season that they will receive presents from anyone. Mahalo, for to those who came out and made this event special, while we too, basked in the service that we were able to provide.

Many of us also had the opportunity to bring Christmas cheer to visually impaired adults at the Region VII Christmas Party on Dec. 18th at the Naniloa Volcano Resort. Great entertainment was provided by Lion members within our Region.

It was a very busy first half of December 2010 for those of us who supported Lion projects from region to club.

Our new Branch Club at UH Hilo/Hawai'i Community College, as yet un-named, is in the organizational phase. More information will be available in the near future.

I want to also urge Waiakea Lions to start thinking about attending the District 50 convention in Honolulu on May 19-21. The Ala Moana Hotel has lowered its rates considerably. If you don't already have the hotel reservation form please contact Lion Bob for a copy. It would be nice if we could all get our reservations in early so the hotel could put us on the same floor.

Wow, and we have the KMC Winter Forum coming up February 4-5. More information will be out shortly from Region Chair Cedric. When did you say my year as Prexy is pau?

I want to wish all Lions, CIS, and your families the best for Christmas and New Year's. Be safe, have good cheer, and try not to have to buy new clothes to fit your expanded waist size.

Happy Holidays!

Prexy Pat Naughton

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Keiki Christmas Party 2010

Photo's by Lion Craig Watanabe





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Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Hospice of Hilo Tree of Remembrance, Region 7 Christmas Part for the Visually Challenged

Photos by Lion Craig Watanabe



Happy Holidays!



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DG Newsletter



Aloha Fellow Lions



It is with a heavy heart that I begin my message by bidding a fond farewell to one of the most dedicated Lion in our District, Lion Dorothea Charleton of the Lions Club of Honolulu. More affectionately known as Lion Dodee, she was an inspiration to many Lions. Nearing the age of 100 and having mobility issues, she continued to attend District, Region, Zone and Club activities. Membership in Lions Clubs presents us with the opportunity to get involved with various activities and Lion Dodee took advantage of every opportunity during her 31 years as a Lion. Region IV even has an annual award the Wesley and Dorothea Charlton Community Service Award given in her and late husband Lion Wesley's honor to a deserving Lion. We will miss her great smile and presence at our activities. Mahalo Lion Dodee for your devoted service.

On the brighter side, we completed our 1st and hopefully annual Hawaii Lions Food Drive on November 20th. I want to thank and congratulate all Lions who participated in this project. All totaled, we collected over 8,500 pounds of food and over \$5,200.00 in helping to feed the less fortunate. Over 200 Lions, LEOs and Lions Supporters spent over 1,000 hours of their time and energy in support of this great event. Our "We Serve" spirit really resonated on this day not only with the lives we impact but by bringing to the general public's attention what we do and the causes we stand for. Special thanks goes out to Lion Nadine Nishioka of the Manoa Waioli Lions Club for doing such an outstanding job coordinating this project with all of the clubs in District 50 and Lion Irwin Santos of the Kamehameha Lions Club for getting us the visibility on the local news.

Amongst the more than \$5,200.00 that we collected, we received a crumpled one dollar bill. Lion Paul Kudo of the PC Lions Club handed this crumpled bill to me during the project. Lion Paul told me the story of an elderly gentleman waiting at the bus stop across the street from where we were holding our collection site at the State Capitol. This gentleman asked Lion Paul what cause we were promoting that day. After Lion Paul explained that we were collecting donations on behalf of our local food banks, the gentleman got up to shake his hand and showered us (Lions) with praise and appreciation for the great deed we were performing for the struggling, poor and disadvantaged. The elderly gentleman went on to say that because of the economic conditions today, he and many others are having a hard time putting food on their tables, so we help them by helping the food bank. The gentleman proceeded to open his tattered wallet and handed Lion Paul his last one dollar bill.

What a touching story. The human spirit of giving is alive and well and this is why we do what we do. We do make a difference in peoples' lives directly and indirectly in so many intangible ways. Having concluded a very successful District project, our Lions in Sight project is right around the corner. On January 15th 2011, Lions throughout the State will be at local shopping centers and select locations to promote our Eyeglass Recycling Program collecting

used eyeglasses and being visible in our communities. We have also received approval from all Wal Mart stores throughout the State to have a collection site at their stores. Our Lions in Sight program is a great humanitarian service and if your club has not yet signed up to participate, Lion Alice Kudo, Eyeglass Recycling Chairperson is awaiting your call. With over 50% of the clubs committed to participate, she still has a few Wal Mart locations that are not yet utilized. Our District Public Relations Committee is also anxious to let people know where your clubs will be on that day. Let's once again show up in force and let the people of Hawaii know who we are and the global impact we make.

As the calendar year comes to a close, many of us contribute to worthy causes with charitable donations. We have a very worthy cause sitting right under our noses, the District 50 Hawaii Lions. In considering your planned gifting, please consider the Hawaii Lions Foundation ("HLF"). HLF has committed to funding projects and activities of District 50, providing funds are available. HLF is a 501 (c)(3) organization for tax purposes so please keep our Foundation in mind. Your donations help support what we do as Lions.

Our District 50 website hawaiilions.org is up and running. We are still in the process of refining it and populating it with the necessary information. Please keep in mind that the concept of this site is different from the old site. Previously, we submitted any and all information to the Webmaster for posting to the site. We now will only post District, Region and Zone information to the website. Individual Clubs' information on events, projects, pictures, etc... will need to be posted to each club's own web or blog site. The District 50 website will contain links to each club's web or blog site. Each club will need to maintain there own web presence.

We are trying our best to provide you a website that meets your informational needs as well as be practical and affordable in its use. If you have any questions, please contact Information Technology Chairperson Lion Craig Watanabe of the Waiakea Lions Club. He will be able to answer your questions or assist you with setting up a web or blog site.

As we enter into the heart of the Holiday Season, we have much to celebrate. Please take this time to reflect on all of your accomplishments as we really do make a difference. On behalf of Companion in Service Chu and me, I want to thank all of you for giving of yourselves during this first half of the year. We want to wish you and your families a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

Mahalo and Aloha,

Lion Chris Tamura

District Governor, District 50 Hawaii

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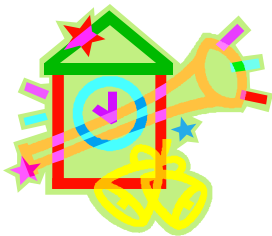
Happy Birthday Fellow Lions!!!



PDG George Kodani—12/27
Kenneth Nakagawa—12/23



You became a Lion When???



Patrick Ho—12/1977
Clifford Yamaguchi—12/1994



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