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

- January 16, 2010: Puna Lions Fund Fest Keaau Community CTR 5:30pm
- January 16-18, 2010: D50 Leadership Institute in Honolulu
- January 9, 2010: Zone Advisory Meeting at Lion Ron Keith's residence
- February 5-6, 2010: Leos Convention at KMC
- February 19-21, 2010: KMC Winter Forum
- February 26, 2010: WLC Chuckwagon WORKDAY
- February 27, 2010: WLC Chuckwagon BREAKFAST
- February 28, 2010: Hilo Lions PAR 3 Golf Tournament Banyan Golf Course, Time TBA
- April 29—May 2, 2010: Annual District 50 Hawaii Lions Convention in HILO
- July 9-12, 2010: Hawaii International Youth Camp

**Mark your calendars for these events!**

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## President's Message

### Aloha you wonderful Lions and CIS's!!!

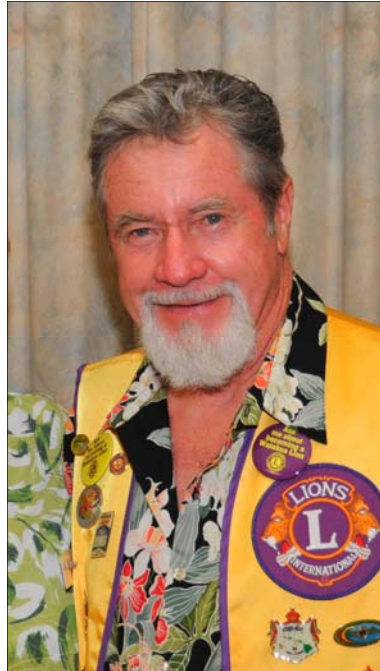
A new year is here!!! 2010, the Year of the Tiger!! The Waiakea Lions in the Year of the Tiger will be challenged with many new projects, besides are usual feel good ones. We finished out the year with three rewarding projects.

The Children's Christmas Party, WLC Lions descended upon Aunt Sally's Hale with gusto at 8 a.m. Pots and pans banging, the beginning of a great dinner with Lion Ken Uemura talents, the background setting that was built by Lions Kayleen Kameda, Tracey Kameda and Gerald Seikaku was just terrific, what an imagination!!!!

The Leos did an outstanding job with the young keiki with games and entertainment. Santa Claus riding in with the motorcycle club Hui O Maka'i. Lion Craig Watanabe was at the microphone, keeping the festivities moving along.

The Region VII Christmas Party for the Visually Impaired also was very gratifying. A total of 18 guests with escorts were on hand for a delicious dinner. With Lion Bob Kawakone help in arranging the party, it looks as if this was one of the best. Lion DG Alan Garson and PID Maurice Kahawaii plus Region VII Zone 1 Chairman Ronald Keith also were big contributors to the Party. Lion Nancy Kramer of the Puna Lions did a great job of the accounting. Everyone looked like they were having a good time, talking up a storm over the Christmas Music.

The Weinberg Foundation Grant Project, Hale Oluea Clubhouse project was one big job. Lion Paul Sebala and Pat Naughton did an outstanding job of organizing this project. When I first arrived, Lion Pat was there early, we started looking around, I was shaking my head of the challenge before us, But, as more Lions and volunteers started showing up, It



really started to happen before my eyes!!! Lions George Kodani and Abe Kubo were busy taking down cabinets and re-installing in other areas. Stanley Take-mura was rebuilding a counter top, which was in need of help. Jimmy Miyake had his painting tool, the whiz, out and going like mad!! Outside in the garden area, it was completely redone into a more user friendly and efficient layout. Putting in a new floor for the shed, which Bob Kawakone was painting. Wilbert Lau was busy, everyone was very busy, Bryan Ito, Herb Watanabe, Rodney Oshiro, Gerald Seikaku, Ken Nakagawa, Jonathan Lum, a good time was had by all. Lunch was provided by the Hilo Clubhouse, was it ono!!

Well now that we have all rested up from Christmas and New Years, I hope we will ALL be able to continue with our Lion enthusiasm in the Year of the Tiger!!!! And to all, hopefully we won't get any new aches and pains in the New Year!!! Because, after all "WE SERVE".

***Lion President Ken Rosene and CIS Yvonne***

**YOU MAY NEVER KNOW WHAT RESULTS COME FROM YOUR ACTION. BUT IF YOU DO NOTHING, THERE WILL BE NO RESULT. --- Mahatma Gandhi**



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## GM Meeting Highlights

By PDG George Kodani

President Ken Rosene reported that the D50 leadership Institute is scheduled for January 16-18, 2010 with himself and Lion Craig Watanabe attending in Honolulu.

The KMC Winter Forum is still on track for February 19-20th, 2010 with six WLC Lions and two CIS attending.

Good Cheer goes out to Lion Randy Miyamoto who is home and recovering well.

IPP Lion Abe Kubo wants to remind us that newspaper recycling continues for Lion Richard Kodani and the LCIF contribution form is being distributed for those Lions wanting to make donations to LCIF.

1st VP Lion Patrick Naughton Reported that the Weinberg Foundation Grand project was still in need of volunteers. (Editor's note: This project is completed and was a success). The 60th Charter Anniversary for the Waiakea Lions Club has established a committee with Lion Pat as the Chair with committee members Lions, Paul Sebala, PID Herb Watanabe and Craig Watanabe as committee members.

2nd VP Lion Paul Sebala mentioned that WLC will provide lunch for the attending Leos at the D50 Leo Convention on February 5-6th, 2010. Sebala said that 120-lbs of batteries were brought in for

hazardous waste disposal. Chuckwagon Breakfast tickets were distributed to all team captains. If you haven't received your packet of tickets please let Lion Paul know.



Secretary PDG George Kodani reported that the Zone Advisory Meeting was rescheduled for January 9th, 2010 at 3PM at Zone Chair Lion Ron Keith's residence. Also as a reminder if you have not paid your Administrative Fund Contribution please do so ASAP. The contribution amount is \$100 and can be made in partial payments if necessary. Please call PDG George Kodani on making any arrangements for payment.







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## BOD Meeting Highlights

By PDG George Kodani

President Ken Rosene reported that Lion Craig Watanabe and himself will be attending this year's D50 Leadership Institute in Honolulu on January 16-18th, 2010.

Regarding the KMC Winter Forum, WLC needs to provide five auction items. Also eight Lions have signed up to attend this forum.

2nd VP Paul Sebala reports that the committee assignments for the Chuckwagon Breakfast will be distributed at our January 5th, 2010 GM Meeting. 200 Chuckwagon Breakfast tickets have been given to the WHS Leo Club to sell. IPP Lion Abe Kubo reports that approximately 100 Leos have registered for the Leos Convention.

Lion Paul Sebala also reported that WLC netted \$845 from the Ben Franklin Crafts Fair project. Also Kuawa Self Storage donated \$300 to WLC along with an additional \$50.00 from Debbie Jitchaku. WLC to participate in this year's Christmas parade by decorating and distribute items at the next participating holiday parade.

3rd VP Lion Bob Kawakone reported that the Waiakea Lions and WHS Leos collected \$1,412.43 for the Salvation Army's Bell Ringing project at KTA with one kettle!



Lion Billy Lyman reported that the WLC "Making Memories" Christmas Party for the disadvantaged was a success. Project report to be turned in January.

Other areas of interest include:

- Lions Sebala and B. Lyman (m/s) motioned to approve an additional \$500 for the Weinberg project, motioned passed.
- Lions Kubo and Naughton (m/s) motioned to approve \$480 for one way air fare (six trips) subsidy for Leo Council VP Nicole Paulachak (WHS Leo). Motion passed.
- PID Watanabe and Lion Naughton (m/s) motioned to establish a Life Membership committee to review and make Life Member(s) recommendations to the BOD. Motion passed.



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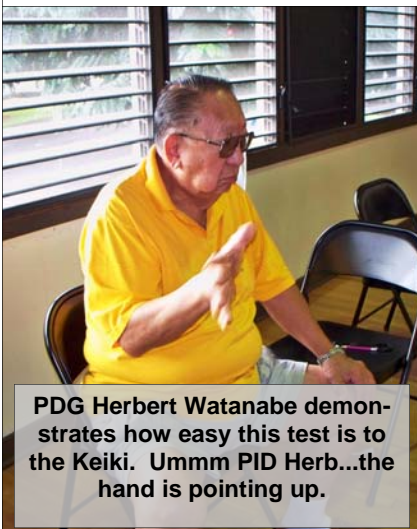
## WLC Amblyopia Screening Project

By Lion Sam Kawamura and Abe Kubo—Photos by Lion Craig Watanabe

On December 8th, 2009, eight Lions screened 50 YWCA Preschool students for Amblyopia. Four students were referred to their primary care physician for further testing and four others could not be tested.



Mahalo for the following Lions who participated in this screening: Clement Chang,



Bob Kawakone, IPP Abe Kubo, Craig Watanabe, Rick Hoo, PGD George Kodani, Prexy Ken Rosene and PID Herbert Watanabe.

PDG Herbert Watanabe demonstrates how easy this test is to the Keiki. Ummm PID Herb...the hand is pointing up.







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## **WLC Salvation Army Christmas Kettle Bell Ringing Project**

By Lion Richard Santos & Bob Kawakone

On December 4-5th, 2009, the Waiakea Lions Club held their annual Salvation Army Christmas kettle Bell Ringing project to raise funds for the Salvation Army community service fund.

For many years now, the Waiakea Lions have held this bell ringing project at the KTA Super Store at Puainako, from 9-5pm. For at least 12-years the WLC has raised the most funds annually for the Salvation Army among all other participating civic organizations on the Big Island.

During that time, we have raised thousands of dollars that was used to meet the needs of the underprivileged and less fortunate in our community.

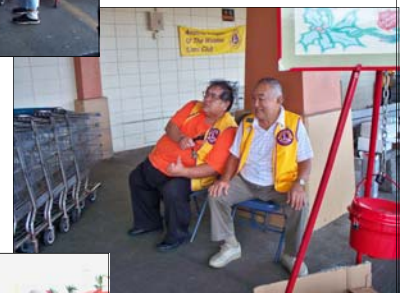
This year, 26 Lions and 24 Leos and two of their advisors stepped up and gave of their time and donations that resulted in another successful project for 2009

Kudos to Lion Ken Nakagawa and Hilo Candy Company for their generous donation (of candy) that was distributed during our bell ringing project. Our warmest Mahalo to the Leo's and their advisors of Waiakea High School for their support in our joint project. A Lions roar to all 26 Lions who gave of their time and donations to a most worthy cause.

Attending this project were Lions:  
Tony Arruda, Chuck Bolden, Clement Chang, Bryan Ito, Bob Kawakone, Ikuo

Kiyohara, PDG George Kodani, James Kojima, Abe Kubo, Melvin Kunimoto, Wayne Kuwaye, Wilbert Lau, Jonathan Lum, Billy Lyman, Ken Nakagawa, Pat Naughton, Kevin Ono, Sam Reynolds, Ken Rosene, Richard Santos, Ken Rosene, Richard Santos, Harry Suzuki, Stanley Takemura, Craig Watanabe, Clifford Yamaguchi and Donald Yoshina for a total of 136 man hours.

This year we raised \$1412.43 for the Salvation Army that will be used to meet a critical need for the underprivileged from our community during this past holiday season. This is Lionism at it's best.





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## Region 7 Christmas Dinner for the Visually Impaired

By Lion Bob Kawakone—Photos by Lion Craig Watanabe



On December 10, 2009, Region VII held their Annual Christmas party for the Visually Impaired at the Nani Mau Gardens Restaurant.

A total of 78 Lions, CIS, Visually Impaired clients, their escorts and VIP's was in attendance. The 18 Visually Impaired clients and their escorts in attendance was the largest ever for the past 10 years.



Dr Ron and Sarah Wagner

Speakers included, District Governor Alan Garson, Dr. Ron Wagner – Wright, President – Hawaii Island of the National Federation for the Blind, PID Maurice Kahawaii, and Zone Chair, Lion Ron Keith.

A wealth of information was presented by all speakers that included LCI's involvement as the "Knights of the Blind" in the crusade to prevent blindness, and the help that the blind can receive from the National Federation for the Blind.

Kudos to Lion Craig Watanabe for doing an outstanding job as MC for the evening's program.







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## WLC Keiki Christmas Party "Making Memories"

By Lion Billy Lyman—Photos by Lion Chuck Bolden



**This past year's Waiakea Keiki Christmas party** was another successful project. The Waiakea Lions Club along with the Waiakea High School Leos, DHS, OSM, Hui O Maka'i and the Pilauz motorcycle gangs, and Aunt Sally's Luau Hale put together a truly memorable afternoon with food and presents for all 85 keiki and their families.



For these children this Christmas party was the only one they had experienced for the holidays. Some come

from disadvantaged households and others from Foster families, both groups were invited thru the Department of Human Services and the Office of Social Ministries (Catholic Charities).

A total of 32 Lions, 21 CIS and 51 Leos plus 4 advisors made this event a truly memorable one for the 85 children who came with a desire to see Santa Clause. The parents of these children also were able to participate in games and festivities that made this one nice afternoon for everyone.

A BIG Mahalo to Hui O Maka'i and the Pilauz motorcycle gangs that really made a huge impact on the excitement



when they came roaring in to deliver the presents and the man himself Santa Claus. As rough and tough as these men and women came, they still have a soft spot for the keiki and want to help out next year.



Another Mahalo goes to the Waiakea High School Leos and their advisors who helped with the attendance and projects for all guests present. They worked hard to keep

this party running smoothly and we (WLC) couldn't have done it without their tireless help.





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## Weinberg Project

By Lion Paul Sebala—Photos by Prexy Ken Rosene



The storage room was cleaned and reorganized with loose items placed into clear plastic bins and labeled while carpeted areas and air-conditioning vents were cleaned.

A grateful Hale 'Oluea staff provided a hearty chili and rice lunch as well as snacks and beverages.

Mahalo to Lions pat Naughton, George Kodani, Ken Rosene, Bob Kawakone, Herb Watanabe, James Miyake, Gerald Seikaku, Rodney Oshiro, Abe Kubo, Wayne Kuwaye, Cedric Mitsui, Stan Takemura, Ken Nakagawa, Paul Sebala, Bryan Ito, Wilbert Lau and the 22 other volunteers that provided the manpower for this project.

**On December 12th, 2009** 38 volunteers pooled their talents to help renovate the Hale 'Oluea Clubhouse on Kilauea Avenue. The Waiakea Lions partnered with the Hilo Jaycees, Ponawaiola Independent Living Readiness program and Hale 'Oluea staff in this Weinberg Friends project.

Outside work included: Installing a 20 x 30 tarp tent for use as a lounge and garden cover including cementing all leg poles for stability, constructing a new wooden foundation for the storage shed then relocating that shed under the tent. A steel bicycle rack was also secured under the tent.

Meanwhile interior work included: Renovating and moving a kitchen counter, moving all refrigerators to one area, fabricating and painting new shelves and moving three wall cabinets to a more useable location.



Photos by Prexy Ken Rosene





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## **Christmas Clothing Recycling**

By Lion Paul Sebala

**Waiakea Lions donated clothing items to Hale 'Oluea Clubhouse** which, "Helps members to increase or regain self-confidence along with personal and social skills which improve their viability in the work market through prevocational, vocational, and educational opportunities and training" (from DCAR: Disability and Communications Access Board of the Department of Health, State of Hawaii)

A total number of seven Waiakea Lions collected a total of 58 shirts/tees and 19 pants/shorts for distribution by this organization.

Mahalo to the following Waiakea Lions who participated in this project: Paul Sebala, Pat Naughton, Abe Kubo, Ken Nakagawa, Bob Kawakone, George Kodani and Ken Rosene.

## **WLC Toys For All**

By Lion Paul Sebala

**Four Waiakea Lions donated 95 toys and books** both wrapped and unwrapped to the Ponawaiola Independent Living Readiness (P.I.L.R.) Program along with 20 Liters of beverages for their Christmas party.

Mahalo to Lions: Paul Sebala, Billy Lyman and Kayleen Kameda for their time in this project

## **Chuckwagon Breakfast Assignments**

By Lion Paul Sebala



**The work assignment listing is out** with many WLC members set for various tasks.

Pancake flippers include Lions: Ken Nakagawa (chair), Randy Miyamoto, Cedric Mitsui, Pat Naughton, Clement Chang, Duffy Bartels, Carl Saxer, Bob Kawakone, Kurt Williams, Mike Durch, and Les Estrella.

Doing pots and pans will be Lions: Collins Tomei (chair), Kayleen Kameda, Tracey Kameda and Gerald Seikaku. (Editor's note: bring long-sleeved gloves).

The list is long and somewhat complete with most WLC Lions involved in some task or other from greeting to cleanup and everything in between. For more information contact Lions Paul Sebala (General Chair) or Pat Naughton (Assistant Chair).

As the date of this breakfast gets closer, final work assignments will be posted on our blogsite.





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## **DG NEWS- LETTER**

**December, 2009** - District Governor Alan Garson

District 50 Hawaii

December 8, 2009

Lions of District 50 Hawaii,

(reprint from the District 50 Hawaii Lions website)

### **The Holiday Season is upon us!**

The season of Parades and Parties is so indicative of our Lions Service and Fellowship! Preparing and serving dinners to the underprivileged, Ringing Bells for the Salvation Army, sponsoring community parades, parties for the underprivileged children in our community and continuing with our signature service projects of assistance to the Blind and Visually Impaired.

As I read the numerous bulletins and activity reports, I am impressed with the quality and number of projects conducted by our clubs. We truly "Serve with Pride".

Lions Clubs feed the hungry and sing to the infirm and aged in our nursing homes. We host parties for and entertain the visually impaired, we sponsor

and/or participate in several community parades and honor our veterans; we provide and decorate Christmas Trees; assist with community craft fairs, and all this while we continue with our signature projects of eye glass recycling, vision and hearing screening at schools, and so many local service projects conducted by the local clubs.

This is a very busy season for both service and fellowship, and we should all be so very proud of our Lions Clubs and our total organization!

Mahalo for all that you do for your community!

May you all have a Joyous Holiday Season and bring renewed energy and enthusiasm to our Lions projects and programs.

### ***WE SERVE WITH PRIDE***





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## Editor's Note

By Lion Craig Watanabe



**Okay here it is ONE MORE reflection on 2009 and the message for hope for 2010.**

I don't know about you but for me this has been one roller coaster of a year (2009) and I'm glad this train is coming to a stop. Now all we got to do is to warm up to 2010

and hope it will make up for what history will no doubt remind us of a very trying year, last year was.

I can't say it was a total bust year. I mean we did have a successful round of projects for the Waiakea Lions club and I'm glad that I had an opportunity to be a part of them in my first full year of participation as a Waiakea Lion.

We did see the inclusion of four female Lions into our club (a first for the WLC), radical changes to how we fundraise, as well as an eye opening Long Range Planning Retreat that will help guide us into our upcoming 60th anniversary for 2010-2011.

The Waiakea Lions Club has finally made it to the 21st century with its first online presence with the Waiakea Lions Club blogsite at [waiakealionsclub.posterous.com](http://waiakealionsclub.posterous.com)

Change is a necessary part of growth and the Waiakea Lions Club has evolved to keep up with these changing times. We are growing and we will be a presence long into the future.

If there's one resolution this club would like to

see, it's that each and everyone of you who are Waiakea Lions Club members please continue to come out to our meetings and projects. We are a service organization and collectively we can serve in great ways with everybody's help.

**Remember why you became a Lion...because WE SERVE!!**

**Aloha,  
Lion Craig Watanabe  
*Servitude...it's what we do***

**Barbara Walters, of Television's 20/20, did a story on gender roles in Kabul, Afghanistan several years before the Afghan conflict. She noted that women customarily walked five paces behind their husbands.**

She recently returned to Kabul and observed that women still walk behind their husbands. From Ms. Walters' vantage point, despite the overthrow of the oppressive Taliban regime, the women now seem to walk even further back behind their husbands, and are happy to maintain the old custom.

Ms. Walters approached one of the Afghani women and asked, 'Why do you now seem happy with an old custom that you once tried so desperately to change?'

The woman looked Miss Walters straight in the eyes, and without hesitation said, 'Land Mines.'

Moral of the story is (no matter what language you speak and where you go):

**BEHIND EVERY MAN, THERE'S A SMART WOMAN**



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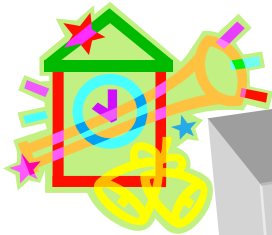
## **WLC Lions Celebrating Birthdays in January**



**Richard Kodani 1/16**  
**James Kojima 1/27**  
**Derek Valentino 1/07**  
**Craig Watanabe 1/22**



## **WLC Lions Celebrating Anniversaries for January**



**Rick Hoo**  
**Abe Kubo**  
**Scott Leonard**  
**Sam Reynolds**





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# JANUARY 2010

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH—WAIKAEA LIONS



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 Puna Lions GM Meeting Pahoa Neighborhood Facility	5 <sup>WLC GM Meeting</sup> 6PM Michelle's Hale Crescent City GM MTG Auntie Yong's	6	7	8 WLC Keiki Christmas party critique meeting 5:30pm Lion Billy Lyman's hale	9
10	11	12 <sup>WLC BOD MTG</sup> 6PM Michelle's Hale Hilo Lions GM Meeting Kow's 6:30PM	13	14	15	16 <sup>D50 Leadership Institute.</sup> JAAMS Honolulu Puna Lions Fund Fest 5:30 PM Keeau Community Center
17	18 D50 Leadership Institute JAAMS Honolulu Puna Lions GM Meeting Pahoa Neighborhood Facility	19 <sup>WLC GM Meeting</sup> 6PM Michelle's Hale Crescent City GM Meeting Nihon Restaurant	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 <sup>WLC BOD MTG</sup> 6PM Michelle's Hale Hilo Lions GM Meeting Kow's 6:30 PM	27	28	29	30
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