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Happy Holidays!
from the Waiakea Lions Club to you and yours!

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Upcoming Hawaii Lions Events & WLC Projects for 2009-2010

- **December 3, 2009: D50 Convention Committee meeting Bank of Hawaii**
- **December 4-5, 2009: Salvation Army Bell Ringing**
- **December 5, 2009: Zone Advisory Meeting 5pm Lion Ron Keith**
- **December 6, 2009: WLC Children's Christmas Party**
- **December 8, 2009: Amblyopia Screening, YWCA Preschool**
- **December 10, 2009: RVII Xmas Party for the Visually Impaired at Nani Mau Gardens Restaurant**
- **December 12, 2009: Weinberg Foundation Grant Project**
- **December 15, 2009: GM meeting cancelled**
- **December 17, 2009: D50 Convention Committee meeting Bank of Hawaii**
- **December 22, 2009: BOD meeting cancelled**
- **February 5-6, 2010: Leos Convention at KMC**
- **February 19-21, 2010: KMC Winter Forum**
- **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 Fellow Waiakea Lions, CIS and Leos!!!

December is here and as always is the time to review the year and to try to complete it with good deeds and joy. It is the time when families share and become closer, so as it is with our family at Waiakea Lions Club, we are finishing the year with our hearts full of good thoughts, deeds and cheer.

Looking back on 2009 we have accomplished new endeavors, the Vision Van project, besides all the usual projects that we complete every year.

This month is full of activity. The first close to my heart is the ringing of the bells for the Salvation Army, with the help of WLC and the Waiakea Leos all donating time and energy helping the Salvation Army achieve their goals in doing so many good things for people.

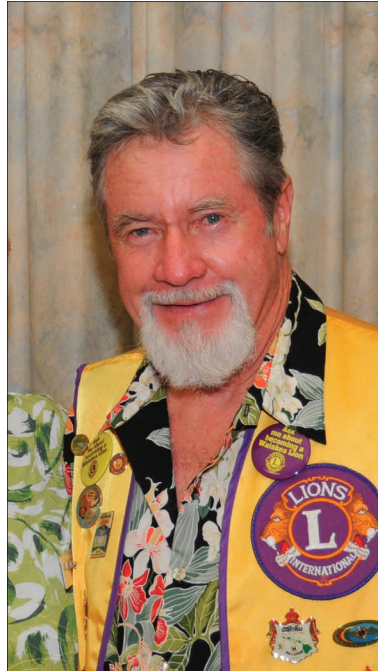
Our screening projects for preschool and elementary school students follow our goals of vision testing. If you've never had the opportunity to help in these kinds of projects please try. It's very rewarding to see all the smiling keiki faces and their energy.

The Lions and the Rotary Clubs of Hilo Bay and Pahoa did group projects of testing out at Waiakea and Keonepoko elementary schools for the first time. It was fun, plus the opportunity to meet new and interesting people.

Amblyopia screening is scheduled for December 8th, 2009 at the YWCA Developmental Preschool and we need volunteers for this upcoming project.

The WLC Children's Christmas party for disadvantaged children is on for December 6th where the planning takes months of the Lions time for those involved with donations coming from local business and the community.

This all culminates into an exceptional treat for parents and children alike. All this leaves us proud, happy and smiling.



The Ben Franklin Craft Fair was a very busy and activity filled, with the selling of donated shirts, grinds from Goodies Galore. Many thanks to everyone involved in the gift wrapping of over 500 hundred gifts for the Waiakea Lions Keiki Christmas Party.

A big mahalo is in order for the security group that took turns keeping a tired eye out so none of the valuable crafts were whisked away in the night. Lion Craig Watanabe, Bryan Ito, Bob Kawakone, Wayne and CIS Carol Kuwaye and Leo Jennifer Bolden.

The 24th Annual Lehua Jaycees Christmas Parade (this year's theme: Christmas in Paradise) was very enjoyable, as Kuawa Self Storage provided a float that WLC got to escort along the parade route, Lions Paul Sebala, Craig Watanabe, Pat Naughton, Chuck Bolden, Ken Rosene and Leo Megan Bolden were wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday!!!

Nov. 21 we had a Long Range Planning Retreat with a group of Lions, with Lion Wayne Kuwaye and PDG Mervin Wee in charge of some progressive ideas.

All these things make me and should make all of us very proud to be Lions. All the care and involvement that comes from our members. We should be very proud to be Lions and all look forward to a busy and even greater New Year. Lets keep pursuing our motto "**WE SERVE**".

Thank You, and may we ALL have a healthy and Happy 2010!!!

Lion President Ken Rosene



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GM Meeting Highlights **By PDG George Kodani**

Topics discussed during the month of November 2009 mostly covered upcoming service projects throughout the remainder of 2009 and the upcoming KMC Winter Forum to be held in February 2010.

Discussion included upcoming projects and events such as Amblyopia screening at the E Makaala Preschool, Long Range Planning retreat, Highway Cleanup, Weinberg Foundation Grant, Ben Franklin Craft Fair, Akaka Falls Wine Tasting fundraiser, Hospice-Light up a Life Christmas Tree, WLC Keiki Christmas Party, Region VII Christmas Party, Sight is Beautiful Poster Contest, Salvation Bell Ringing Project as well as some discussion on the KMC Winter Forum to be held February 2010.

President Ken Rosene reported that the Waiakea Lions Club will be responsible for the KMC Winter Forum's Presidents Panel which will cover Region/Zone chairs, Membership Director, Club Secretary, and sponsors. Lion Cedric Mitsui graciously volunteered to be the project chair for this event.

Also reporting under Prexy Ken Rosene was Lion Wayne Kuwaye on the WLC Long Range Planning Retreat recently held at Michelle's Hale. A handful of WLC members attended this meeting along with PDG Merv Wee from the Hawaii Kai Lions club acting as Moderator.

Lion Paul Sebala (1st VP Pat Naughton), reported the Weinberg Foundation Grant is on track meeting the required 25-adults needed to service this grant's request to be held at Hale Olu Ea on December 12th, 2009.

2nd VP Paul Sebala also reported on the upcoming Ben Franklin Craft Fair, Hospice, Light

up a Life Christmas Tree on November 29th, at Macy's.

Lion Abe Kubo reported the Leos will be helping out with the Salvation Army Bell ringing at KTA Puainako on December 4th and 5th. Approximately 50 Leos will be assisting in the WLC Christmas Party on December 6th. Kubo also reported the 2010 Leo Convention is on schedule for February 5-6, 2010.

3rd VP Lion Bob Kawakone announced the November 15th highway cleanup project was cancelled due to inclement weather. Also the amblyopia screening at E Makaala is on track to screen 87 pre school students. He also reported the Salvation Bell Ringing project is also on schedule and as Lion Abe Kubo reported, the WHS Leos will be assisting this event. Kawakone also reported on the upcoming Region VII Christmas party for the visually-impaired will be held December 10th, 2009 at Nani Mau Gardens Restaurant at 5:30pm.

Lion Bob Kawakone also reported on the Sight is Beautiful Poster contest with 2010 rules now on the District 50's website. Waiakea Lions Club will donate poster board to Waiakea, Waiakeawaena and Keaukaha Elementary Schools.

Snail Mail Santa

As a little girl climbed onto Santa's lap, Santa asked the usual, "And what would you like for Christmas?"

The child stared at him open mouthed and horrified for a minute, then gasped, "Didn't you get my E-mail?"



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BOD Meeting Highlights **By PDG George Kodani**

Prexy Ken Rosene reported that Lions Mel Kunimoto, Loren Mochida, Randy Miyamoto and Ken Nakagawa as well as himself are doing fine recovering from their illnesses and injuries sustained earlier this year.

Lion Wayne Kuwaye reported on the Long Range planning retreat and announced several areas of concerns (see story on page xx).

1st VP Lion Pat Naughton reported the Weinberg Foundation Grant is still on for December 12th, 2009 at Hale Olu Ea with work crew assignments forthcoming.

2nd VP Lion Paul Sebala finalized prep work for the upcoming Ben Franklin Craft Fair with schedules for participating Lions. Sebala also has given the Poster Boards to Lion Stan Takemura to be distributed to Waiakea, Waiakeawaena and Keaukaha Elementary schools for the upcoming Sight is Beautiful contest.

IPP Lion Abe Kubo reported the Waiakea Lions will provide lunches instead of dinner for the Leo Convention and the Leos will also participate alongside the WLC Lions in the upcoming Salvation Army Bell Ringing project as well as assisting in the WLC Christmas Party.

3rd VP Lion Bob Kawakone submitted the Amblyopia Screening report for E Makaala as well as upcoming events including the WLC Christmas party, RVII Christmas party for the Visually Impaired and the Salvation Army Bell Ringing project.

In unfinished business, PID Herbert Watanabe and Lion Pat Naughton motioned and second to approve the Member Recruitment proce-

dures as revised. Motion passed.
In New Business:

- Lion James Miyake was awarded the Lions Pride Certificate award for outstanding contributions in support of the Waiakea Lions Club.
- IPP Abe Kubo was awarded the Club Presidents award for his leadership as President of Waiakea for 2008-09.
- President Ken Rosene appointed 1st VP Pat Naughton as the chairperson for the Waiakea Lions Club 60th Charter anniversary Celebration slated for 2010-2011.
- Lion Sebala requested WLC participation in the Lehua Jaycee's Christmas parade in Hilo on November 28th in manning and walking alongside the Kuawa Self Storage float in return for their donation of storage facilities.
- Lion Wayne Kuwaye motioned that Waiakea Lions Club establish and maintain a Long Range Plan. Motion passed.

You know Your Eggnog's Too Strong...

**If you see a fat man ...
Who's jolly and cute,
wearing a beard
and a red flannel suit,
and if he is chuckling
and laughing away,
while flying around
in a miniature sleigh
with eight tiny reindeer
to pull him along,
then lets face it...**



Your eggnog's too strong!!!



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General Membership Meeting Guest Speakers By Lion Craig Watanabe



HILO MEDICAL CENTER FOUNDATION



On the November 3rd General Membership meeting, Executive Director Lori Rogers from the Hilo Medical Center Foundation spoke to the Waiakea Lions Club. This foundation be-

gan in 1995. Their mission: A community partner supporting the community healthcare needs and those of our hospital.

Rogers indicated their foundation currently supports the Residency Program at Urgent Care to bring physicians to the Big Island. Other programs includes Hilo Medical Center's Emergency Department's \$1.2 Million renovation as well as assisting and supporting the first Veteran's Home in the state of Hawaii boasting over 92-beds.

For more information about the Hilo Medical Center Foundation go to: <http://www.hilomedicalcenterfoundation.org/>



On November 17th, 2009 Chris Ridley, Program Coordinator from the Alzheimer's Asso-

ciation here in Hawaii spoke to our General Membership on the subject of Dementia better known to us as Alzheimer's Disease. She



mentioned that an estimated four million Americans suffer from this disease and is the seventh leading cause of death among

American adults and the number is growing.

Chris Ridley works at the Life Care Center here in Hilo in the Alzheimer's unit and educates all who are interested in her story of how she became involved with the Alzheimer's Association because of her Dad who suffered from this debilitating disease. For more information about Alzheimer's Disease you can contact Chris thru the Alzheimer's Association here in Hilo at 981-2111 or go visit their website at: <http://www.lcca.com/facility.asp?id=18>

The Gift

"Thanks for the electric guitar you gave me for Christmas," little Chris Cody said to his uncle the first time he saw him after the holidays. "It's the best present I ever got."

"That's great," said his uncle. "Do you know how to play it?"

"Oh, I don't play it," the little fellow said. "My mom gives me a dollar a day not to play it during the day and my dad gives me five dollars a week not to play it at night."



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Projects Reported By Lion Cedric Mitsui



Lion Cedric Mitsui has reported on the following projects conducted thru the Waiakea Lions Club for the month of November 2009:

- Lions World Sight Day—Donation of 13 low vision glasses to DHS-Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired. Plans are to participate annually.
- Keiki Vision Screening at Waiakea Elementary School—Five WLC Lions (Ken Rosene, George Kodani, Bob Kawakone, Abe Kubo and Cedric Mitsui) participated alongside the Hilo Bay Rotary Club (7-Rotarians) and four volunteers in screening 150 students.
- Keiki Vision Screening at Keonipoko Elementary School—Five WLC Lions (Ken Rosene, George Kodani, Bob Kawakone, Abe Kubo and Cedric Mitsui) participated alongside the Pahoa Rotary Club in screening 25 students.
- Waiakea Lions Club Eye Glass Recycling Project—Waiakea Lions Club donated 149 clear eye glasses and 58 sunglasses to the Hawaii Lions Foundation. Lions Cedric Mitsui and Tony Arruda participated in this project along with 4-volunteers.
- Waiakea Lions Club developed a 3-panel display for the Diabetes Awareness Day on Friday, November 13th, 2009 at the Hilo Medical Center. Lion Cedric Mitsui and two volunteers participated in this project.

New Member Nomination By PID Herbert Watanabe



PID Herbert Watanabe submitted for approval revised procedures for New Member Nomination (Motion passed in BOD meeting 11/24/09). Procedures as noted:

1. Nomination of prospective member shall be made on official LCI form signed by a member in good standing who shall act as the sponsor (Constitution)
2. Nomination Form shall be submitted to club secretary who shall sign and submit Nomination Form to club Membership Committee
3. Sponsor to have prospect attend club's GM and participate in at least one club project. Introduce prospect to club. Club pays for meal not to exceed \$15.00. This process to be accomplished prior to Membership Committee taking any action of the nomination (refer to #6)
4. Sponsor informs prospect of all club obligations and commitments etc, (Financial, attendance, club projects)
5. Membership Committee reviews Nomination and submits Nomination Form to Board of Directors with recommendation to accept or reject application (Constitution)
6. Board of directors receives Nomination from Membership Committee, takes action to approve, reject or table nomination
7. On Approval of nomination by Club's Board of Directors, club extends invitation to prospect to membership into club through sponsor (Constitution)
8. Prospect accepts or rejects invitation. If acceptance is indicated, prospect's dues and other fees must be in the hands of the secretary before the prospect is reported to and officially recognized by LCI as a new member (Constitution) Entrance Fee to be paid by new member
9. Prospect inducted into membership
10. New member assigned to committee(s), undergoes orientation.



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Amblyopia Screening E Makaala By Lion Bob Kawakone

Nine WLC Lions and one volunteer participated in the Amblyopia Screening at E Makaala on November 18th, 2009. A total of 87 preschoolers were screened and was completed in about an hour with four screening stations in action. Mahalo to the following WLC Lions who participated, Ken Rosene, Mel Kunimoto, Billy Lyman, Cedric Mitsui, Clement Chang, Craig Watanabe, Abe Kubo, Stan Take-mura and Kevin Ono.



Photos by Lion Craig Watanabe



Hospice Hilo Light up a Life Project at Macy's Prince Kuhio Plaza-Hilo Photos & Story by Lion Craig Watanabe and one Bewildered bystander



PDG George Kodani single-handedly manned the table at Macy's in the Prince Kuhio Plaza from 2-4pm

on Sunday November 29th, 2009 collecting donations for the Zone-wide Lions participation of **Hospice Hilo's Light up a Life Tree of Remembrance Project.**

are used to directly benefit Hospice patients and their families.



Ornaments are hung on this Christmas in exchange for those donations. Pictured here are members from the Hilo Lions club and Zone Chair Lion Ron Keith who ran the 4-6pm shift.

Donations from this event





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Long Range Planning Retreat—by Lion Wayne Kuwaye



PGD Mervin Wee

A Long Range planning retreat was conducted on November 21st, 2009 at Michelle's Hale. Attending this retreat was Lions Ken Rosene, Paul Sebala, Craig Watanabe, Rodney Oshiro (Long Range Planning Secretary) and Wayne Kuwaye

(Chair). Also present was PDG Mervin Wee (Hawaii Kai Lions) District 50 Executive Secretary to moderate this retreat.

Areas of concern was brought up during this five hour session:

- Lack of Active Membership involvement in projects and meetings—We need to survey membership as to why
- Lack of recruitment membership—Appears we have no program or if we do no one knows about it, it's not a priority of our club
- Resistance to change—We always did it this way, "you brought it up so you be in charge"
- Lack of organization—Planning for a successful project outcome.
- Lack of involved CISs—We could have more CIS camaraderie, invite CISs to projects, more free events for CISs
- Lack of training—BOD lacks interest in training, need qualified instructors, need full backing of BOD
- Too many meetings and too long—Chairpersons should just give their report and any concerns should be directed back to the committee. Keep to the Agenda
- Always rehashing things—Once decision is made, let's fly with it unless there is a request to reconsider the decision
- Burned out members
- Lack of communication—A lot of talking but no one is listening

A recommendation was made that a meeting should be held to come up with strategies to remedy these areas of concerns.

Some of the notes from this retreat revolved around what we want to stop or dislike about the club and were then prioritized into the top five concerns.

Starting with the concerns brought back from the general membership, this retreat reviewed 11 recurring issues:

1. Possible D50/LCI policies
2. Retain members—New members are asked to be chairs immediately. New members should grow before taking on leadership roles. We are all new member's sponsors and we should help them grow
3. No feeling to recruit new members
4. Resistance to change
5. Apathy of our members
6. Re-evaluate projects
7. Hard to find volunteers to lead projects and club
8. Proper training and formal guidelines
9. Event Dates
10. Lions not trying to get to know members
11. One General Meeting and two Board meetings

Of these 11 issues, five were prioritized:

1. Retention of new members
2. Resistance to change
3. Re-evaluation of projects
4. New member recruitment
5. Hard to find volunteers.

All of this points to bigger problems. There is a need to bring new projects to fit our mem-

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Long Range Planning Retreat—Continued from page 9

ber's needs and we don't care about our new members.

We are one step away from being a club of fewer than 20-members as our core group get's older.

We need to be consistent in looking at our long range planning (3-5 years) to see if we had hit our goals or we need to drop them. If we did not hit our goals, then what was the reason for it?

We need to hear the members' concerns and what they want to do annually. We need to discuss problems and solutions and evaluate the year. What don't you like about the club? Diversify our projects to include women.

We have no clear understanding of what it is to

be a member. Sixty plus members do not know where we are going. We need to advertise humanitarian efforts and preach successes to the public to recruit. New members don't feel like they are part of the club. Interacting with them is the key to retain them.

How we address these issues is part of the long range plan and will determine the future of the Waiakea Lions. As stated earlier, a meeting should be held to come up with strategies to remedy those areas of concerns and issues.

Mahalo to those who filled out the questionnaire and attended this important retreat. **Also a big Mahalo to PDG Mervin Wee for coming all the way to the Big Island to moderate this meeting. It was time well spent.**

District 50 2nd Cabinet Meeting—Damien High School-Honolulu By Lion George Ito (Hilo Lions Club)

On November 15, many Lions with the traditional white shirts of cabinet officers convened at Damien High School for the 2nd District 50 Cabinet Meeting. Cabinet members from the neighbor islands flew in on early morning flights to make the opening at 9:00 am. Some had come in the previous day to attend the Leadership Forum. District Governor Alan Garson promptly started the meeting at 9:00 am. Each region chair and zone chair from Kauai, Oahu, Molokai, Maui and Hawaii gave written or oral reports. Also committee chairs presented their reports.

DG Alan Garson presented the 2008-2009 Club President Excellence Awards to 1) **Abe Kubo-Waiakea**, 2) Alice Kubo-Pearl City, 3) Cy Feng-Honolulu Chinatown, 4) Tami Hue Sing-Haleakala. On behalf of the Pride Committee

"Everyday Hero Awards" were presented to 1) Patrick Guerrero-Haleakala, 2) **James Miyake-Waiakea**, 3) Minoru "Winchell" Shimabukuro-Akaka Falls. PDG Cecelia Izuo presented "Proud Lions" awards to: 1) Jerry Nagatani of the Pearl City Lions Club. sponsored/mentored by Paul Kudo, 2) Liz Ishimitsu also of Pearl City sponsored/mentored by Chris Tamura, and 3) Gilda Morita of the Aiea Lions Club sponsored by Maurice Morita.





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Lehua Jaycee's 24th Annual Christmas Parade By Lion Craig Watanabe

What better way to celebrate the Holidays and work off that turkey you devoured over the Thanksgiving day weekend...than walking in the 24th Annual Lehua Jaycees Christmas Parade.

And that's exactly what four Waiakea Lions did plus two more riding shotgun in the Kuawa Self Storage Float.

Mahalo to Lions Ken Rosene, Paul Sebala and Chuck Bolden for braving the Hilo rain and walked the entire parade route encompassing Pauahi, Kilauea, Keawe, Wainuinui and Kamehameha Avenue along with 29 other units. Lions Pat Naughton and Craig Watanabe along with one Leo drove and rode in the Kuawa Self

Storage panel van outfitted as their float. Incognito was Lion Jay Ignacio in HELCO's Big Ben locomotive a couple of floats ahead. Can we yell, "Merry Christmas" one more time? Sure why not...***Merry Christmas everyone and let's hope for a prosperous new year...really we could use one!***



Photos by CIS Brenda Watanabe



Merry Christmas



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Waiakea Lions Induct New Members Story & Photos by Lion Craig Watanabe



The November 3rd, 2009 General Membership meeting was the place for the induction of

three more new Lions for the Waiakea Lions Club. With Sponsor Lion Paul Sebala present, PID Herbert Watanabe presided over the induction ceremony for Kayleen Kameda, Tracey Kameda, and Gerald Seikaku.

Welcome aboard to our three newest Lion members as we embrace the motto: **WE SERVE.**



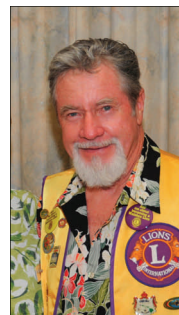
District 50 Lions Leadership Institute January 16-18 in Honolulu By Lion Frank Hamasaki—Haleakala Lions

What a great way to spend a weekend!

District 50 is once again sponsoring a **Lions Leadership Institute** to assist in building your personal leadership skills and to provide you a positive, enriching environment for bonding and networking comfortably with your fellow Lions and sharing goals, frustrations, and exciting ideas and projects.

This Institute is not only for those who wish to serve at the Club and District level, but for anyone who wish to grow in Lionism in some manner and to grow as an individual. At the end of the session, you will learn how you can get the most out of yourself and the most out of those you associate with.

Editor's note: Prexy Ken Rosene and Lion Craig Watanabe will represent the Waiakea Lions Club in next month's District 50 Lions Leadership Institute to be held on Oahu at the JAISMS in Hawaii Kai on January 16th thru the 18th, 2010.





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DG NEWS- LETTER

November, 2009 - District Governor Alan Garson
District 50 Hawaii
November 1, 2009

Lions of District 50 Hawaii,

As I visit the many clubs in District 50, I am impressed with the number and quality of community service projects, the energy and enthusiasm of the members, and the diversity in the membership of each club.

We all have pride in our own club, and most of us believe that our club does things the way that all Lions should be doing them. However, as I visit the various clubs, each has their own unique way of achieving their goals, and each believes that the way they conduct their meeting is the "best" way for them to accomplish their business.

Our District 50 clubs are also diverse in the format of their meetings, some are more formal, but all begin their meeting with the Flag Pledge and Lions Pledge. Some clubs are more active than others - doing service projects and participating in Zone, Region, and District events.

Others believe that they should just serve their own local communities, and to do more would take away from that facet of their operations. Club activities, projects, and programs are a club decision, not a district decision.

As I see it, the district's role is to assist the local clubs, provide leadership training opportunities, serve as a liaison with LCI, and do whatever we can to help the club grow, not just in membership, but in activities and service projects.

One of the things that has helped my club has been an annual "retreat" or "strategic planning" session. It is basically an opportunity for club members to provide input about what they think the club should be doing and how we are going to do it, and coming to some agreement on club level priorities.

So, what do we all have in common, and what should we all be doing as Lions?

Two things we have in common – Service and Fellowship - Service to our Community and Fellowship among the members, working together for a common cause.

We serve the Blind and visually Handicapped; we serve our local communities by engaging in local service projects that benefit community members; and we do it together with our members and partners. We serve the world through LCIF – Disaster Relief, Prevention of Blindness, and other worthwhile programs and projects.

WE SERVE WITH PRIDE



Happy Holidays





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Behind the Scenes Planning—WLC Children's Christmas Party Making Memories Story & Photos By Lion Craig Watanabe



This is my first year in assisting in the planning and implementation of Waiakea Lion Club's annual

Children's Christmas Party.

This year's theme "Making Memories" is chaired by Lion Billy Lyman and facilitated by CIS Eileen Tredway.

One may think planning an annual event would have evolved into simplistic procedures where planning meetings would be casual and repetitive. Not so. These meetings eclipse our own Board of Director meetings with such efficiency that every minute is highly productive with chairpersons needing more floor time to discuss this event. As such I stayed after the meeting to discuss my new role as Emcee and other resources assigned to me.

The attitude at these meetings are professional and very straightforward with Chairs reporting their status' in a timely manner. This intensity in preplanning shows itself every year in the success of this annual event that brings tears to the eyes of the many volunteers that make

this WLC Project a memorable one for the many disadvantaged children in our community. All the stress that goes into the making of the WLC Children's Christmas Party seemingly melts away when you see the ear-to-ear smiles from the many Keiki that benefit from it. When you hear the phrase, "It's for the kids" suddenly your own issues dissolve and the focus is on the success of this event and you make it your own resolve to complete the task assigned to you with the best you can muster.

I am proud to be a part of this annual endeavor. Last year when I saw the kid's delight when Santa Claus made his grand entrance on a motorcycle brigade brought real tears to my eyes and to those who also helped in last year's successful Christmas party. It was well worth it and we strive to better ourselves with each successive year.

This year the 2009 Children's Christmas party-Making Memories will be held at Auntie Sally's Luau Hale on December 6th at 2:00PM and ends at 6:00PM with the last Go for Broke meeting to be held on December 2nd at Lion Billy Lyman's hale at 5:30pm Potluck.





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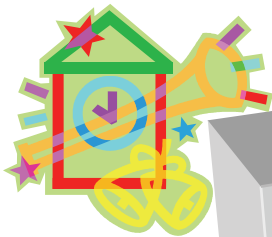
WLC Lions Celebrating Birthdays in December



George Kodani—12/27
Scott Leonard—12/18
Garry Maeda—12/7
Kenneth Nakagawa—12/23



WLC Lions Celebrating Anniversaries for December



Les Estrella—12/08
Patrick Ho—12/77
Cyrus Wilson—12/04
Clifford Yamaguchi—12/94



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DECEMBER 2009

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH—WAIAKEA LIONS



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 WLC GM Meeting 6PM Michelle's Hale Crescent City GM MTG Auntie Yong's	2 WLC Children's Christmas Party MTG 5:30pm Lion Billy's Akaka Falls GM MTG Kow's 6:00PM	3 D50 Convention Com- mittee MTG Bank of Hawaii	4 Salvation Army Bell Ring- ing KTA Puainako 9-4:00 PM	5 Salvation Army Bell Ring KTA Puainako 9-4:00PM Zone Advisory MTG 5:00 PM Ron Keith
6 WLC Keiki Christ- mas Party for the Disadvantage 2:00 PM	7 Puna Lions GM MTG Pahoa Neighborhood Facility	8 WLC BOD MTG 6PM Michelle's Hale Amblyopia Screening YWCA 9:00 AM Hilo Lions GM MTG Kow's 6:30PM	9	10 RVII Christmas Party for the Visually Impaired at Nani Mau Gardens 6:00 PM	11	12 Weinberg Foundation Grant Project Hale Olu Ea 8:00 AM
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