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It's Convention Time!





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Upcoming Hawaii Lions Events & WLC Projects for 2010

- 4-5-2010, Monday—D50 Contest & Awards Submittal Deadline
- 4-6-2010, Tuesday—WLC GM Meeting, 6pm Michelle's Hale Bring donatable Men's clothing in good condition
- 4-11-2010, Sunday—Hamakua Lions Club Chuckwagon Breakfast 6-10am Honokaa High School Cafeteria
- 4-13-2010, Tuesday—WLC BOD Meeting, 6pm Michelle's Hale
- 4-15-2010, Thursday—Keiki Vision Screening, 8am Haaeho School
- 4-20-2010, Tuesday—WLC GM Meeting, 6pm Michelle's Hale
- 4-27-2010, Tuesday—WLC BOD Meeting, 6pm Michelle's Hale
- 4-29 thru 5-1-2010, Friday thru Saturday—D50 Convention, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
- 5-2-2010, Sunday—Transitional Breakfast Meeting, 7:45am Waioli Lounge, Hilo Hawaiian Hotel
- 7-6 thru 7-10-2010, Tuesday thru Saturday —Hawaii International Youth Camp (Big Island hosting at KMC)

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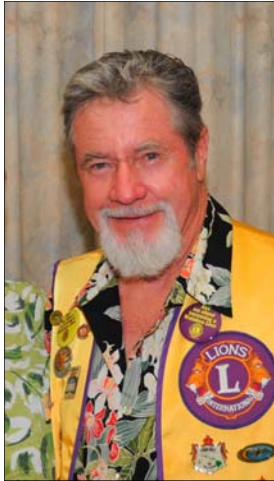


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President's Message—By Prexy Ken Rosene



Aloha to ALL you energetic, enthused, and fearless Waiakea Lions Club members and CIS's!!!!

Now that our big fund and fun raiser is over, the Chuckwagon Breakfast # 56, what's out there to get us invigorated again??? WELL, how about the District 50 74th Annual Con-

vention. If you can't get excited about it happening here in the prettiest city by the bay, Hilo, come see me personally!!!

You will be rubbing elbows with approximately 300, hard working, hard playing, fun loving Lions from the other lovely Islands, descending here on Thursday, April 29th, thru Sunday, May 2, 2010. There will be activities for everyone's palate.

"A Night Under The Stars" fun night, this will be at the Imilo'a Astronomy Center, with great food and drink to motivational speeches to a great community painting project for the Lions that can't get enough to do!!!

A convention that will be talked about and remembered for a very long time. Plus a nice feature of the Convention will be the two hospitality rooms for both nights, which I am sure will have a lot of story talking going on.

A Convention that will inspire Lions from other clubs to tell possible new Lions of the energy and fun of not just a local service organization, but a world wide club with 1,400,000 members in over 202 countries around the world.

Now, if you're really excited, the Lions International Convention will be Sydney, Australia later this year. Now I don't think I'll make that one, but I do hope to make it to next year's LIC in Seattle, Washington.

I am sure every WLC member is PROUD to be a Lion, show it and joins the festivities!!! And while were writing about fun, in the not too distant future, the 60th Charter Anniversary and Installation of Officers for the WLC will be happening.

Our Ladies Appreciation Night was a delicious affair. Lion Kevin Ono and his committee did an outstanding job, the food was terrific, because the chef was our one and only Lion Ken Uemura and staff. The card games, black jack, and the crap tables were overflowing with big winners, PID Herb Watanabe 's son Nathan and his wife Blanch, and their 2 children who were visiting were having a real good time. A steady flow of humor was being displayed by our own MC, the always "Great" Lion Paul Sebala. After the chips were counted, Lion Kayleen Kameda had a huge selection of prizes for everybody.

Lions helping Lions project over at Lion Clifford Yamaguchi's house is taking shape, with some real effort from some of our WLC members.

Let us all remember, were a team working toward a common goal, being "Knights of the Blind", and our motto, "WE SERVE".

Thank You For Being There!!!!

Ken Rosene, President of the Waiakea Lions Club



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General Membership Meeting Highlights—By PDG George Kodani



President Ken Rosene visited several of our Zone Club's meetings including Crescent City Lions Club on March 1st, Akaka Falls Lions Club also on March 1st, and Hilo Lions Club on March 23rd, 2010.

Guest speaker in the month of March was Dee Cowdrey, Area Director for East Hawaii Special Olympics.

Proceeds from the Chuckwagon Breakfast were presented to representatives of; Hawaii Special Olympics, The Salvation Army and The Food Basket.

District Governor's request for assistance to coordinate a service project for the upcoming D50 Convention on opening day on April 29th, 2010 (this month). Club considering a highway and Park clean up as a more visible service project, Prexy Ken Rosene to accept coordinator slot for this service project.

Nomination for 2010-11 Officers and Directors has been partially submitted (see story for details)

Lions Helping Lions, Lion James Miyake reported the tile wall for Lion Clifford Yamaguchi has been completed with work on the chain link fence as next project.

Lion Billy Lyman reported that 23 people received refunds from the Chuckwagon Breakfast (due to the tsunami warning on the day of the event).

Lion Billy also reported a total of 86,850 metal can tabs were collected. Each tab redeemed earns 1-minute of dialysis treatment for the disabled, mentally challenged or underprivileged thru a program sponsored by McDonalds Restaurants. A total of 1,447.5 hours or 361 4-hour Dialysis Treatment sessions were donated thru the Waiakea Lions and Lion Billy Lyman.

Although no crisis occurred as a result of the Tsunami Warning this past month, PID Herb Watanabe reported IPP Al Brendel and PIP Joe Wroblewski of LCIF called to offer assistance to the Hawaii Lions if needed.

I've sure gotten old. I've had two Bypass surgeries. A hip replacement, new knees. Fought prostate cancer, and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear anything quieter than a jet engine, take 40 different medications that make me dizzy, winded, and subject to black-outs. Have bouts with dementia. Have poor circulation, hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I'm 85 or 92. Have lost all my friends.

But.....Thank God, I still have my Hawaii driver's license!





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Board of Directors Meeting Highlights—By PDG George Kodani



Na Koa Pookela Wards and Na Pokii Pookela Haumana Awards planning is on-going.

Chuckwagon Breakfast Final report pending resolution of final statement.

HIYC—Housing at KMC confirmed. Camp dates is July 6th thru the 10th, 2010 here on the Big Island.

Scholarships are still pending. Application deadline is April 15th, 2010.

Sight Is Beautiful Poster contest zone level judging on March 20th, 2010 awarded DeSilva School for Best for all divisions.

Specialty Pins commemorating the 2010 D50 Convention are \$5.00 and special T-Shirts are \$12 presale and \$15 at the convention.

\$50 Gift Basket from Goodies Galore to Peggy Kealoha and Barry Taniguchi for their support and assistance in the Chuckwagon Breakfast

Donation from Debbie and Leo Jitchaku of Kuawa Self Storage for use of storage locker for one year thru February 26th, 2011

Leo Club news

- A thank you letter was received from Wai-akea High Schools Leo's Club President, Kirstie Simons for assistance at the D50 Leo Convention.
- Advisors in process of selecting Outstanding Senior Service Award nominees.

- Fundraiser in the planning stages for the Rainbow Sanctuary.

Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts news

- Troop 19 reported one new Eagle Scout and another in verification stage.
- Scouts attended Kahuku Camp in March
- Scouts requesting a Lion emblem for their Makahiki display
- Scoutmasters in process of selecting Outstanding Senior Service Award nominee

Idea Box submittals

- Need more Lion member involvement by actively calling them
- Guest Speaker time limits
- Quarterly club socials
- Shorter GM meetings (insert applause)
- Project dates set 4-6 months prior so every Lion can adjust their calendar
- Have active functioning committees two months prior to a project





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Keaukaha Kamehameha Preschool Amblyopia Screening

By Lions Sam Kawamura & Abe Kubo Photos by Lion Craig Watanabe



On March 23rd, 2010, eight Lions and two volunteers screened 53 pre school students from the Keaukaha Kamehameha Pre-school. There

were nine students absent and three that could not be tested. Three additional students were referred to their primary care physicians for further testing.



Mahalo to Lions Bob Kawakone, Wilbert Lau, Ken Rosene, Harry Suzuki, Craig Watanabe, Donald Yoshina, PDG George Kodani and PID Herbert Watanabe and two volunteers from Lion

Cedric Mitsui's Vision Care office who conducted this



screening. This concludes the Amblyopia screening for this Lion Year (2009-10).

We screened approximately 260 students from five pre-schools in the Hilo area.



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Our Fundraising Efforts

By Lions George Kodani and Craig Watanabe (Photos)

Each and every year the Waiakea Lions Club of Hilo holds their annual Chuckwagon Pancake Breakfast fundraiser to raise funds for local charitable organizations that support our communities here on the Big Island.

This year's breakfast allowed us to pick three recipients of our fundraising efforts. They included The Salvation Army, Hawaii Special Olympics and The Food Basket.

One of this year's recipients is Dee Cowdrey, Area Director for East Hawaii Special Olympics who was also March's Guest Speaker (Lion Cedric Mitsui).

According to Cowdrey, Special Olympics (nationwide) provides year round sports training for visually and physical impairment individuals. Area competitions are held in May and State competitions in December of each year.

For area competitions, 125-volunteers are needed and approximately 80-athletes participate. Their major fundraiser is "Cop on Top" which has been held on the rooftop of Safeway at the Prince Kuhio Plaza every year.



This year's "Cop on Top" event is scheduled to be on April 29th-30th and May 30th, 2010. If you would like to be a volunteer for East Hawaii Special Olympics Athletes, call Dee at 982-6823 or email her at: d33cowdrey@mac.com





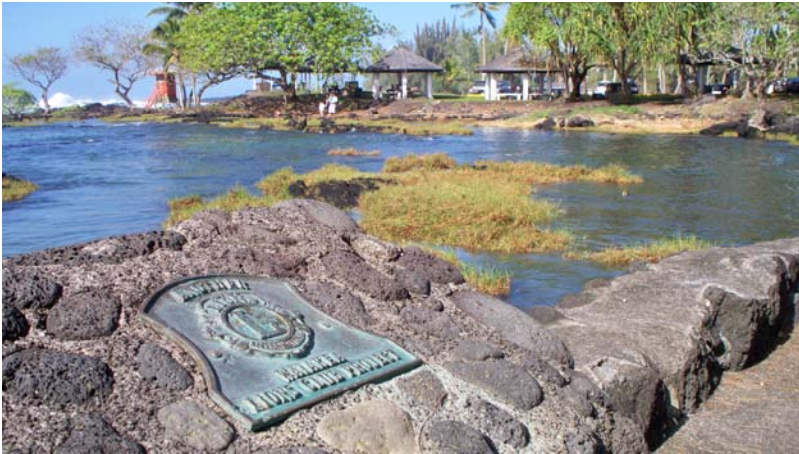
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Environmental Projects— Leleiwi Beach Park

By Craig Watanabe (Photos)



Pavilions built by the Waiakea Lions



Part of what we do as Lions is community service to the Aina. Some of what we do include picking up litter along our coastal highways, painting of area structures as well as maintaining Leleiwi Beach park.

For almost 40-years the Waiakea Lions have been guardians to Leleiwi Beach park where an occasional Honu (Turtle) can be seen feasting on shoreline grasses and limu.

Over the years however the Pacific Ocean has taken it's toll on area facilities and walkways as well as human debris from visitors to this area and the Waiakea Lions Club of Hilo along with other volunteers associated with this club have participated in beach clean ups, painting of facilities as well as repairing the permanent walkways of Leleiwi Beach park.

Now we are looking at repairing the cement benches within the many pavilions that have fallen victim to corrosion. This will be one of many environmental projects the Waiakea Lions will be focusing on in the near future.



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Schedule of Events for the 74th Annual Convention

Thursday, April 29th, 2010

- 7:30 am Registration and Credentials—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room
- 9:00 am District 50 Cabinet Meeting—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room
- 6:00 pm Flag Ceremony—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room
- To Follow Flag Ceremony Reception—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room Foyer

Friday, April 30th, 2010

- 7:30 am Registration & Cabinet Meeting—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room
- 8:00 am General Session Call to Order—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room

Convention Announcements

Welcome Speech: District Governor Alan Garson

Introduction of Dignitaries and Addresses by Dignitaries including Keynote Speaker

Recess

General Session Reconvenes

Necrology Services at Hilo Bay

Recess until 8:00 am Saturday morning

Keynote Speaker Luncheon—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room

- 2:00-4:30 pm Service Project—TBA
- 5:30 pm Hele On Bus shuttle to Imilo'a Astronomy Center
- 5:45 pm "A Night Under the Stars" - Imilo'a Astronomy Center
- 6:30 pm "Mauna Kea: Between Earth & Sky 1st showing PLUS Pupus and Drink
- 7:30 pm "Mauna Kea: Between Earth & Sky 2nd showing
- 8:30 pm Hele On Bus Shuttle to Hotel begins
- To Follow Hospitality Rooms—TBA

Saturday, May 1st, 2010

- 7:30 am Registration & Credentials—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room
- 8:00 am General Session Reconvenes—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room



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- 8:00 am Awards Luncheon—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room
Personal Development Training—Hilo Hawaiian Hotel, Moku Ola Room
- 6:00 pm District Governor's Banquet
- To Follow Hospitality Rooms—TBA

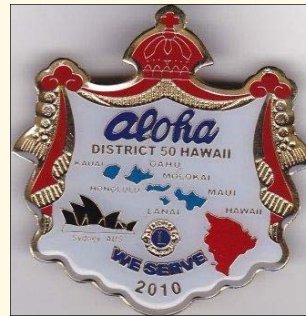
Sunday, May 2nd, 2010

- 7:30 am Transitional Breakfast Meeting—Waioli Lounge



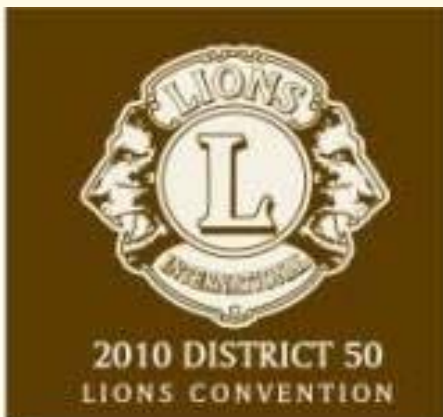
We are pleased to offer this very Special pin in commemorating the 2010 District Convention being held in Hilo, Hawaii. This pin will be in limited quantities only and ideal for those discriminating pin traders! It is 2" on the long edge by 1-3/8" with a

black block print design on a tan background. The Lions logo is located at the bottom right hand corner. Very attractive. Very distinctive. Order forms may be found on the our website www.district50convention.com under Forms. At \$5 each for a collector's item, you can't go wrong.



Of course, besides our Specialty Pin we also have the traditional Convention Pin. The conventional design is the Hawaiian Coat of Arms with the string of islands gracing the center; the island hosting the District 50 Con-

vention identified with a different color; red being our island color. The artistic rendering of the Sydney Opera House signifies the location of the upcoming International Convention. This too may be found on our website. And in the f doing what we can to ease the burden of this recession we "rolled back" the price to last year's \$2.75 each or 2 for \$5! Walmart eat your heart out!



You have got to be kidding...shirts too? Yessiree, commemorative shirts too! When you have a Convention only once every dozen years, you have to go crazy! A great quality shirt for \$12...you heard it before...block print design... proverb...Lions logo...chocolate brown...website! Go there now and order!



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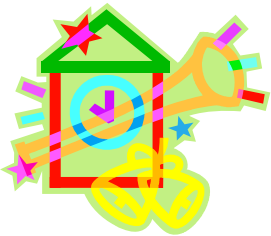
Happy Birthday Fellow Lions!!!



Aoki Toshihisa -4/8
Chuck Bolden—4-1
Abe Kubo—4-15
Loren Mochida—4-24
Ken Rosene—4-28
Stan Takemura—4-10
Cyrus Wilson—4-26
Kurt Williams—4-18



You became a Lion When???



Harry Suzuki—4/1972
Charles Lopez—4/2002



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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH
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Sun

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Fri

Sat

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11 Hamakua Lions Club Chuckwagon Breakfast 6am Honokaa HS Cafe	12	13 WLC BOD Mtg 6pm Michelle's Hale Hilo Lions 6:30 pm Kow's Restaurant	14	15	16	17
18	19 Puna Lions Club NHBHRD Facility	20 WLC GM Mtg 6pm Michelle's Hale	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 WLC BOD Mtg 6pm Michelle's Hale Hilo Lions 6:30 pm Kow's Restaurant	28	29 D50 Convention Hilo Hawaiian Hotel 9am all day	30 D50 Convention Hilo Hawaiian Hotel 8am all day	May 1st— D50 Convention Hilo Hawaiian Hotel 8am all day May 2nd—D50 Transitional Breakfast Mtg Waialae Lounge 7:45am