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## **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE #11 (MAY)**

It is the Month of May, and 11 months have gone by and we have only one more month left in our fiscal year. Election for the new incoming officers was held at our last General Meeting, and we have an outstanding slate of officers and Board of Directors to lead the club for the year 2009-2010. Thank you, Lions for stepping up to the plate!!! I humbly ask our Waiakea Ohana, our Family of Lions and Companions In Service to support the incoming officers and board as you have done for me. It was YOU our Waiakea Lions Ohana that did an outstanding job that made the Waiakea Lions shine as a community service club and our motto, "WE SERVE!!)



May 7-9, 2009 is the District 50 Convention at the Pagoda Hotel in Honolulu, and I will be attending it with eight Waiakea Lions and Ciss. Hopefully next year we will have more of you attend the convention as it will be on the Big Island.

It is with heartfelt sorrow that I inform you that we lost another lion from our Waiakea Lions Ohana. Lion Thomas "Tommy" Hirano, a Life Member, passed away on April 7, 2009, while recuperating from surgery at the Queens Hospital in Honolulu. His Funeral was held on April 25<sup>th</sup>. A Lions Necrology Service was not held at the request of Cis Eva, however we did present, a plaque, resolution, and the USA flag to the family. I understand Lion Tommy was our bulletin publisher for 15 years and served as a member of the board for a number of years, and was member of the Waiakea Lions for 53 years, serving quietly but with dedication to provide service to his community of Hilo.

A reminder to all Lions who have not completed and turned in the Lions Information Form, to please submit it to me at the next General Meeting or mail it to me at 348 Ianeke Pl. Hilo, HI 96720. I am attempting to put all the information into a data base format, so it can be updated and retrieved whenever there is a need. Once you have submitted your information, you may make corrections or changes as needed and you will be on our records as a member of the outstanding lions club for perpetuity.

A final REMINDER to mark your calendar to reserve June 13, Saturday for our Awards and Installation, and Past District Governors, recognition night. The plan is to make the dinner at Hilo Hawaiian affordable, so please plan on attending this final event for our fiscal year.  
Lion Abe

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## **General Membership Meeting-Important Actions- April 7, 2009**

Contributor: Lion Bob Kawakone — WLC Secretary

- The Lion of the Month for the month of March 2009 is Lion Ikuo Kiyohara for his outstanding leadership for our 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Chuckwagon Breakfast.
- Guest Speaker—Howard Ainsley – CEO Hilo Medical Center
- The April 14, 2009 BOD meeting has been canceled to allow our members to attend VDG Alan Garson's fund raiser, University Heights Park Pavilion, 5:30 pm, cost \$10.00
- IPP – Lion Paul Sebala – proposed Slate of Officers/Directors for 2009 –2010 . PDG George Kodani reported that 9 Lions and 3 CIS will be attending our Convention on May 7,8, 9.

## **BOD Meeting-Cancelled April 14, 2009**

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## **Pau Hana in the Park – A Fund Raiser for VDG Alan Garson**

On April 14, 2009, 11 Lions and 1 CIS attended the fund raiser for VDG Alan Garson, at the University Heights Park. Nearly 65 Lions, CIS and guest attended a very enjoyable fellowship hosted by the Akaka Falls Lions Club. DG Shannon Ching was also in attendance. VDG Alan talked about his platform and goals that he will pursue during 2009 – 2010.

Kudos to PID Hebert Watanabe, PDG George Kodani, ZC Bob Kawakone, Lion President Abe Kubo, Lions Tony Arruda, Ikuo Kiyohara, Wayne Kuwaye/CIS Carol, Loren Mochida, Ken Rosene, Paul Sebala and Stanley Takemura.

## **General Membership Meeting-Important Actions- April 21, 2009**

- Guest Speaker Lion David Watters -Operation Jump Start - Security on the Mexican Boarder
- Announcement that lion Tommy Hirano Passed away April 7, 2009.
- WLC Scholarships Chair, Lion Ikuo Kiyohara announced meetings ongoing to select 2 students.
- Keiki vision joint project with rotary to be held April 27, 2009 at Waiakea El., 8A
- Motion to increase Ladies Appreciation Night budget by \$280 to meet expenses was approved unanimously.

## **BOD Meeting-Important Actions– April 28, 2009**

- Lion Prexy Abe announced that Lion Ken Nakagawa is Lion of the month for April 2009, for his outstanding work and donations to the annual childrens Christmas part & Chuck wagon Breakfast, among other accomplishments. Congratulations Lion Ken for a job well done.
- WLC Chuck Wagon Breakfast final report will net approximately \$13,000....WOW!!!
- D-50 membership at 1,796. a + 50 members
- WLC BOD Voted to support the Vision Van for one day 8/29, 12N-2P, and up to \$1000. More details regarding cost, manpower and schedule might be finalized allowing greater support
- Club retreat to address concerns from beginning of year scheduled for 5:30P 6/16/09, Michelle's Hale



**WAIĀKEA LIONS CLUB 2009 –2010 OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

By: Lion IPP Paul Sebala and Lion Prexy Abe Kubo

At our April 7, 2009 GM meeting, Lion Paul Sebala made a motion to have our club secretary, Lion Bob Kawakone, cast a unanimous ballot for the entire slate of officers and directors for 2009 – 2010, that motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lion George Kodani, vote, unanimous, 23 yeas 0 nays

Your officers and directors for 2009 – 2010, need your support and effort to serve in the coming year to help our club continue to be the very best Lion's Club.

**OFFICERS**

<b>President</b>	Lion Ken <u>Rosene</u>
<b>IPP</b>	Lion Abe Kubo
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Lion Pat Naughton
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Lion Paul Sebala
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> VP</b>	Lion Bob Kawakone
<b>Secretary</b>	PDG George Kodani
<b>Treasurer</b>	Lion Bryan Ito, DDS
<b>Lion Tamer</b>	Lion Sam Reynolds
<b>Tail Twister</b>	Lion Chuck Bolden
<b>Membership Director</b>	Lion Loren Mochida

**DIRECTORS 1 YEAR**

PID Herbert Watanabe  
Lion Duffy Bartels  
Lion Sam Kawamura  
Lion Richard Santos

**TWO YEAR DIRECTORS**

Lion Tony Arruda  
Lion Mike Dorch  
Lion Wayne Kuwaye  
Lion Cedric Mitsui  
Lion Cyrus Wilson

**Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 13, 2009.**

- **HILO HAWAIIAN HOTEL, MALA IKENA ROOM, 5:30 PM.**

This night will be the Waiakea Lion's Charter, PDG, Awards and Installation Night. This is the night every year that we celebrate our outgoing officers and directors. Honor our clubs accomplishment through our PDGs, Officers and present the awards for our accomplishments as part of District 50. This is also the night that we install our new officers for the coming year.

Please come out to support our outgoing and incoming Officers & Directors. There will be a sign up sheet circulated at the May 19, 2009 GM meeting. This year the Waiakea Lion's Club is looking to subsidize the dinner for every Lion and CIS. We hope to keep the cost to \$21 per attendee for the all you can eat buffet. Please try and sign up early. However, you can sign up as late as one week before the dinner by calling lion Prexy Abe Kubo at 959-5543, or on his cell phone at 936-8770.



**TROOP 19 BOYS SCOUTS AND CUB SCOUTS**



During the month of April, Lion Bryan Ito, DDS and Loren Mochida (Scout Masters) met with the Troop 19 Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and covered traditional scouting lessons.

Both Lions Bryan and Loren thanked the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for their help during our Annual Leleiwi Beach Park clean up, that was held on March 31, 2009.

The Waiakea Lions Club has sponsored Troop 19 for over 12 years with manpower and financial assistance.

**THE WAIAKEA HIGH SCHOOL LEOS**

During the month of April, Lion Ikuo Kiyohara, our liaison to the Waiakea High School Leos, met with the Leos and commended them for their help during our Annual Leleiwi Beach Park Clean – Up, that was held on March 31, 2009.

The Waiakea Lions Club has sponsored the Leos for over 30 years with manpower and financial assistance.

**LION TOMMY HIRANO - March 30, 1928 - April 7, 2009**

On April 25, 2009, 30 Lions, and CIS from the Waiakea Lions Club bade farewell to long time member Lion Tommy Hirano who passed away on April 7, 2009, after a long illness.

Lion Tommy was a member for 53 years, was honored as a Life Member and helped our club in numerous ways, serving on practically all of our committees and was the chair for our Newsletter for over 12 years, during which time, he did not charge the club for any of the expenses.

Farewell old friend, we will miss your presence.





**73<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT 50 – HAWAII LIONS CONVENTION, REPORT**  
by Lion Bob Kawakone

**AWARDS DIVISION III**

<b>Best Club</b>	<b>Waiakea Lions Club</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>
<b>Best President Award</b>	<b>Lion Abe Kubo</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>
<b>Best Secretary Award</b>	<b>Lion Bob Kawakone</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>
<b>Best Treasurer Award</b>	<b>Lion Bryan Ito</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
<b>Best Bulletin Award</b>	<b>Lion Chuck Bolden</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Place</b>
<b>100 % Secretary</b>	<b>Lion Bob Kawakone</b>	

**INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT COMMENDATION AWARD**

**Lion Bob Kawakone**

**DISTRICT 50 SIGHT IS BEAUTIFUL POSTER CONTEST AWARDS**

<b>Division 1</b>	<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Place</b>	<b>Megan Nakamoto</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>Division 2</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> graders</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Place</b>	<b>Braeden Coloma</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Division 3</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> graders</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Place</b>	<b>Anne Nakamoto</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>



**THE KEIKI VISION SCREENING**

On April 27, 2009, 6 Lions from the WLC joined the members of the Hilo Bay Rotarians Club and jointly screened 148 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from the Waiakea Elementary school.



This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year the WLC has joined the Hilo Bay Rotarians in providing this much needed eye screening. Annually, we screen over 500 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from the Waiakea, Waiakeawaena, Mt. View, and Hilo Union elementary schools.

We have noticed an alarming number of 3<sup>rd</sup> graders who are not able to pass this standard eye exam. (60%) These students are referred to their primary care physician for additional testing. Of the 148 3<sup>rd</sup> graders screened. 68 passed while 80 were referred to their primary care physician for additional testing

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE - UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

- June 2, 2009, Clinton Amamiya - Pottery Making
- June 16. GM cancelled.

**THE CRESCENT CITY LIONS CLUB ANNUAL FUND FEST**

On April 11. 2009, 12 Lions, 4 CIS and 2 guest from the WLC attended the Crescent City Lions Club Annual Fund Fest, that was held at the Daijingu Church Hall.

There were over 90 Lions, CIS and guest, (DG Shannon Ching), in attendance. Dinner was served in a creative new way, by a “Lunch Wagon” that drove up on site.

Following dinner, a Live Auction was the feature activity of the night, generating lively bidding from all in attendance. Everyone walked away with bargain priced items.

Kudos to PID Herbert Watanabe, and son Mark with CIS Emily, PDG George Kodani, Lion President Abe Kubo, ZC Bob Kawakone, Lions Tony Arruda, Ikuo Kiyohara, Wayne Kuwaye/CIS Carol, Loren Mochida/CIS Ann, Ken Rosene, Paul Sebala/CIS Jan, Jon Lum/CIS Myrtle, and Stanley Takemura.

**THE WAIMEA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

On April 12, 2009, 10 Lions from the WLC attended the Waimea Lions Club Annual Breakfast, held at the Waimea Community Center. With nearly 1,000 supporters attended their breakfast it was their largest ever.

**THE HAMAKUA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL BREAKFAST**

On April 19, 2009, 4 Lions and 2 CIS from the WLC attended the Hamakua Lions Club Annual Breakfast.



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### WAIAKEA LION OF THE MONTH by Lion Prexy Abe Kubo

The April 2009 Lion of the Month is Lion Ken Nakagawa for his efforts in obtaining donations for our Christmas activities and projects plus, our Chuckwagon Breakfast.

Congratulations Lion Ken, for a job well done.

### APRIL 7, 2009 GUEST SPEAKER - HOWARD AINSLEY - HMC

On April 7, 2009, 23 Lions out of 27 active Lions attended our GM meeting. The guest speaker for the night was Howard Ainsley, the new CEO of our Hilo Medical Center.

Mr., Ainsley commented that the Island of Hawaii is experiencing a shortage of physicians. New residents to Hawaii County are not able to find a primary care physician. As a result, many are utilizing the ER when faced by an emergency.

The Hilo Medial Center Foundation is actively raising funds for the "Physicians Residency Program", whose funds were cut in the current budget.

The Focus of the Hilo Medical Center is:  
To serve our patients  
To be Service Leaders  
And To Commit to Excellence



### WAIĀKEA LIONS BORN IN MAY

Lion Jay Ignacio	5/3/59
Lion Eugene Lyman	5/28/38
Lion Dr. Cedric Mitsui	5/5/57
Lion David Watters	5/23/48



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### OUR WAIĀKEA LION'S OHANA:

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### **LION RANDY MIYAMOTO & CIS CHRISTINE (ESBER)**

Lion Randy was born on October 23, 1949, in the town of Pahala, on the Big Island, and Cis Christine was born in Ewa, Oahu, and they currently reside at 1009 Huaka Place, in Hilo, (Waiakea area).

Lion Randy has a brother, Larry (Grace) Miyamoto, and a sister Grace Kagami. Cis Chris has 4 brothers, Vince (Josie) Esber, Tony (Lori) Esber, Andy (Susan) Esber and Larry (Donna) Esber, and two sisters, Marilyn (Wayne) Sekiya, and Geraldine Chinen. Lion Randy and Cis Chris have a daughter, Jenisse (Jayson) Chan, both are Architects, Working and living in Honolulu.



Lion Randy attended Pahala Elementary and Intermediate School, and Kau High School, and has a Bachelors of Business Administration in Travel Industry Management from the University of Hawaii, Manoa. Lion Randy was the Branch Manager at Pioneer Federal Saving prior to his current position as a Personal Bank Officer at First Hawaiian Bank, located at the Hilo Shopping Center. Cis Chris attended Pearl City Kai Elementary, Highlands Intermediate, Waipahu High School, and is a graduate of the University of Hawaii, Manoa with a Bachelors of Arts in English. Cis Chris is currently a Educational Assistant at Waiakea Intermediate School, for the State of Hawaii Department of Education. Lion Randy has been a Waiakea lion from 1999, and has held the positions of 1<sup>st</sup> VP, President, Tail Twister, and Board of Director. He has chaired the Fund Fest, the Chuck Wagon Breakfast, and many other community service projects. He is good with a hammer, or a bar-

beque grill. Lion Randy's interests are fishing, golfing, traveling, eating and enjoying onsens. Cis Chris also loves to sew, travel and enjoys eating new foods and visiting new places especially where they have an onsen. Lion Randy is our "Sake" expert, he has talented taste buds and can tell you which brand is the "good stuff." Does Cis Chris also share this talent? Talk with her about her travels, and you may find out where the best onsens are located and which Sake is the best.







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### LION JONATHAN P.S. LUM & CIS MYRTLE MIYAMURA



Lion Jonathan (Jon) was born in Honolulu on August 4, 1941 and Cis Myrtle was born in Hilo, and they currently reside on Kahopea St. in the Waiakea area.

Lion Jon has a brother Ephram jr. Lum (Diann) and Cis Myrtle has 3 brothers, Melvin, Clyde, Rodney (deceased) and a sister, Ann Miyamura, an Optometrist, in Sacramento California. Lion Jon has a son Garrett Lum and a daughter Marisa (Balthazar) Lum Calvantis (Baltazar) and a granddaughter Sasha. Lion Jon attended St. Louis, Elementary, Intermediate and High School and the University of Manoa. Cis Myrtle attended Kapiolani Elementary, Hilo Intermediate, Hilo High School, UH Hilo, and Oregon Health Science University where she graduated with a DMD. Lion

Jon, is a professional photographer, and works as a Practice Administrator for Cis Myrtle in her Dental Practice, in the Bank of Hawaii building on Pauahi Street.

Lion Jon joined the Waiakea Lions Club in 1970, has served as 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, President and Zone Chair. He has also served as Tail Twister, Lion Tamer and as a Board of Director for many years. He has chaired the Fund Fest, Chuck Wagon Breakfast, and Environmental Committee, and is currently chairman for the Magazine Recycle Program.

Both Lion Jon and Cis Myrtle, are certified Qi Gong Instructors. Get to know these Waiakea Lions Ohana members and learn what Qi Gong is all about.



### LION CLEMENT (CLEM) CHANG & CIS JEAN (PAVAO)



Lion Clem was born on September 18, 1941, in Milolii, South Kona and Cis Jean was born in Hilo, Hawaii, and they currently reside at 436 Hilinai Street, Hilo, HI. (Mohouili Area ?) Lion Clem has a brother, Edward Chang (Rachel) and three sisters, Francis Deniz, (Henry), Katie Andrade, (Allen-deceased) and Winifred Mugford (Sanford). Cis Jean has Four Sisters, Irene Suda, (David), Mildred Yamamoto, (William), Jackie Valera, (Leopoldo), and Florence Leslie, (Fred) and Dorothy Smith (Barry). Lion Clem and Cis Jean have four children, 2 sons, Clement (Shayon) Chang, Jr., and Bryan Chang, and 2 daughters, Charlene Chang and Cyindi Chang. Lion Clem and Cis Jean have 8 grandchildren, Courtney and Zachery Chang (Clem Jr. & S Hayon), Mohala, Mahana and Bryana Chang (Bryan & Maile) and Kaiulani, Hiilei, and Ihilani Kamau, (Charlene Chang & Benson Kamau).

Lion Clem attended Milolii Elementary Milolii Intermediate, Hilo High School and Hawaii Community College. Cis Jean attended Hilo Union Elementary, Hilo Intermediate and Hilo High School.

Lion Clem was a Mason by profession and retired from the State of Hawaii Dept. of Accounting and General Services in 2003. Cis Jean was the manager of Haili Apartments from which she retired in 2008, and currently is a Director for Haili Christian School. Lion Clem was also a Navy Sea Bees and served 24 years in the Navy Reserve.

Lion Clem joined the Waiakea Lions in 1985, and has served as Lion Tamer, Tail Twister, and a member of the Board of Director for 8 years. Lion Clem is another lion that is always on call for whatever the project may be and has participated in countless community projects.

Can you guess what lion Clem's hobbies are? Besides being a Trustee for the Haili Congregational Church, do you know what he does in his spare time? What about Cis Jean? Besides being a collector of dolls, teapots, elephants, and making all sorts of Leis etc., What is she into? Does she have a favorite pastime? Ask her about being a free tour guide and greeter at the Port of Hilo.