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## Georgian Youths Seek to Form a Leo Club

*From a Youth Exchange Student Sponsored by Tbilisi Lions Club*

Dear Lions,  
As you already know, the situation in Georgia is tough due to the Russian-Georgian conflict. More than 200,000 people were displaced, lost their homes, family members and friends. The majority of refugees are children. As we are the participants of Lions Youth Exchange program, we gathered at the Lion's office in Tbilisi, contacted senior Lion's members and joined their charity activities, directed for helping the refugees. We obtained information about the refugee centers from hot-lines. We went there and found out how many people there were: male-female, old and children. We visited the schools, kindergartens and other buildings where the refugees are located. After getting acquainted with their needs; we chose the refugee residence with the worst conditions. We collected money, have bought food and items of hygiene, and clothes. There were many tragic stories at the refugee centers and here's

one of them.  
"I worked as a photographer under the guidance of Georgian Government. My job was taking the photos of the living conditions of the refugees. In one of the schools where the refugees lived, there was a 3 year old girl, called Mariam who had a cerebral palsy. She desperately needed medicine. We, the lions camp participants and the future members of the Leo club, gathered money and bought the medicines for little Mariam. Now she has the medicine supplies for three months. We also bought a carrier for her. I am very happy that I took part in helping this girl. But there are many others who need our help." We were inspired to perform all these charity activities by our peers from the Lions youth camps. Taking into consideration all the mentioned

above, we want to form the Leo club in Georgia, under the sponsorship of Tbilisi Lions Club (operating since 2003). This will teach us leadership; give us experience and opportunity to serve the community. We need your support to establish Leo club and join in the large family of Lionism.  
Respectfully,  
Georgian youth

*(Editor's note: Lions are still the beacon of hope even in the war-torn country of Georgia. The Hawaii contact with Georgia is thru PDG Cecelia who at several International Conventions befriended Tamara, the past President of the Tbilisi Lions. She can be reached at [tibilisilions@access.sanet.ge](mailto:tibilisilions@access.sanet.ge))*



Georgians want to form a Leo Club to aid war victims

## OUR NEXT MEETING:

**September 4, 2008 7:15 pm at St. Anthony School**

Our next general membership meeting will be at St. Anthony School Teacher's Lounge. We will have as our

guest speaker, Zone chair Keoki Leong and several members of the Kaneohe Lions Club. Please email Lion

Cecelia black if you will attend and be eating dinner. She is planning the meal for the meeting. See you there.

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# Prexy's Message



Greetings fellow Lions! Irene and I have been busy painting and organizing our home's interior. We have been working diligently for the past three days, in anticipation of a visit by two special friends that served with me in the Vietnam War. We were visited this Sunday, and Irene prepared a savory sea food meal from the fish I caught just yesterday, along with some fresh garden vegetables for salad, topped with dessert and various refreshments.. It impressed them, and simply enjoyed everything.

My two friends John Bowe and Paul Fujinaga were elated to have visited with us. We seemed to have rekindled old bonds, and shared our life story's, both in the Army and after. It is funny how as we spoke what twist and turns life had in store for each one of us. We never thought that we would ever see each other again after all these years. What is certain in our era and throughout history, is that what man has done in the past, will always be repeated. We must try to learn from history and recognize those very situations that occurred in the past, that do happen in our time as well. It is my opinion, that if we see this, we must make progressive changes to adapt, and survive.

Our journey in life are influenced by the people we meet and the books we read (now to include the internet). Our personal journey, how we relate with each other, and sharing of information helps enrich our lives. An old saying goes: "That in which we share, we will multiply. That in which we withhold, we shall diminish."

See you at our next meeting. Aloha!

Prexy Ben

## Kahaluu Lions Need Our Help September 27, 2008

*Report by Region Chair Agnes Tani and Weinberg Chair Bob Putes*

The Kahaluu Lions Club decided that we would accept the responsibility of chairing the Amblyopic Screening at the Ho'olaule'a on the Windward Community College campus as one of the Zone Projects. We do have a problem, though. We thought that the Ho'olaule'a was going to be held on Sep 20 but just found out that it will take place on Sep 27, the same day as our Weinberg project; therefore, we will need all the help from the Zone for this project to be a success.

We would like the Kaneohe Club to set up the booth. It needs to be between 16 to 18 feet long and 15 feet wide. We will need to have 9 chairs and 3 small tables.

I have already spoken to the Pali Lions and they are willing to do the first shift from 10:00 am-12:30pm. We will need to have Lions and friends volunteer to help during the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift 12:30-3:00 and 3<sup>rd</sup> shift 3:00-5:00. Please let me know when you will be available to help. We are willing to train you.

Our Weinberg project will start at 8:30 am at the KEY Project at 47-200 Waihee Road in Kahaluu. It will be primarily a landscaping project involving some planting, grading, and other related activities. If anyone has standard gardening tools, they will be useful. This includes: shovels, metal garden rakes, picks, and hoes.

Thanks for your help in either or both projects. Mahalo!

## September Reminders

### Bus Shelter Repair

The bus shelter repair project will be held on Sep 6 at 8 am. The bus shelter is in front of Castle Hospital.

### Pali Lions Eyeglass Cleaning

The annual Eyeglass Cleaning will be held at St. Anthony School Kindergarten Classroom on Sep 20 starting at 8 am. Please bring some cardboard boxes if you have any empty ones at home.

### Kahaluu Lions Weinberg Project

The Kahaluu Lions will hold their annual Weinberg Project on Sep 27 at 8:30 am at the KEY Project at 47-200 Waihee Rd. The Kahaluu Lions helped us at our Weinberg Project so several of our Pali Lions should reciprocate and participate in their project as well.

### Amblyopic Screening Zone Project

Kahaluu Lions also need help with the Amblyopic Screening on same day of Sep 20. This is a Zone Project. Those not going to the Weinberg Project, please help by attending the screening to be held at the Ho'olaule'a at Windward Community College at 10 am.

### Notice! Notice! Notice!

Dues are due! Treasurer Willie Chu would appreciate those still owing dues for this Lionistic year to make payment directly to Lion Willie. As Willie's mentor Lex Brodie would say, "Thank you very much."

## Highway Cleanup August 9, 2008

Our Adopt a Highway Cleanup along Kalaniana'ole Highway was quite successful. Participating Pali Lions included Lions Dan Motohiro, Prexy Ben Baniaga, Jits and cub, Bryson, Bob and Gary Hiramatsu, Bob Pang, Willie Chu, Cecelia and Clarence. With a larger than normal crew, we were able to do the work in under two hours. About 30 bags of trash was picked up.

# Lion Izuo's Roadtrip: America the Beautiful (Part II)

## July 3-17, 2008

Report by Lion Cecelia

Last month's article was about Yellowstone National Park. Now we were on our way to Cody, Wyoming. Clarence and I take turns at driving since it is a long distance. We stayed at Wild Bill Hickock's hotel "Irma" named after his daughter. We went to a museum there. Loads of things to see at the museum! There were historical exhibits, natural exhibits, a fire arms exhibit, and a whole lot more. We had to go quickly through the exhibits because we wanted to see the "gunfight" scheduled outside of Hotel Irma. That was a bit disappointing, but it was free so can't complain. When we were done, we headed off to a Rodeo. In Cody there is a Rodeo every night. We had a lot of fun watching the bucking broncos and the wild bulls. We wished we had planned to spend another day in Cody because we had a wonderful time.

Now ... we head for South Dakota, more long driving but thanks to the GPS we know where we can find gas and food. The landscape is gorgeous along the way and the guidance system again helped us to find lunch. Clarence had Mexican and I had KFC. Those GPS's can find exactly what you want! When we got to Rapid City, we checked into the hotel. We checked our e-mail, then it was time for dinner at the Out-Black Steak House (just across the parking lot.) We thought we would have time to go to the evening show at Mount Rushmore but the hotel was about 45 minutes away. So we did the laundry instead. (Nowadays, you can't pack as much clothes with you as before.)

Next morning, we're off early to check out the jewelry stores. I wanted to buy some Black Hills gold gifts for the girls. After finding the girl's gifts, we were off to Mount Rushmore. Mount Rushmore was named after a New York attorney; Charles E. Rushmore who was in

Keystone on some business. While touring on horseback, he asked his guide about the name of the mountain peak he was viewing. As the story goes, the guide says "Hell, it never had a name, but from now on we'll call the damn thing Rushmore."

The carving of the four Presidents on Mt. Rushmore, in the Black Hills started out as an idea of South Dakota State Historian Doane Robinson in 1923. His idea was to have a gigantic monument to honor Lewis and Clark, Red Cloud or some other western hero to boost tourism. He invited sculptor Gutzon Borglum to take a look at the Black Hills to see if there was a suitable site for such a project. Gutzon thought the idea was great but felt that it should be a national commemoration not just a regional one, thus, the four depicted presidents.

George Washington represents the struggle for independence and was the Father of our Nation, Thomas Jefferson, because of his idea of government by the people and he was the Expansionist President sending Lewis and Clark to the new frontier. Abraham Lincoln was selected because of his ideas on equality and is considered the Preserver of the Union. Theodore Roosevelt was chosen for

his 20<sup>th</sup> century role of the United States in world affairs and because he was the Protector of the Working Man.

Needless to say, the monument was awesome. After a couple of hours at

Mount Rushmore, we drove for about another 20 minutes to see another sculpture "Crazy Horse." This one is still in progress. They offered their visitors free rocks to take home (I love rocks!)

We then traveled back to Keystone and shopped in their little town ate some buffalo stew, buffalo roast and other food prepared with buffalo (Clarence's choice.) Then we went back to Mount Rushmore for the inspiring patriotic evening show. It was a long, but fun and interesting day.

The next day took us back to long driving again.

This time all the way back to Billings Montana, ate dinner at a restaurant owned by a former Hilo citizen, went to church at the Cathedral in Downtown Billings and then caught the flight to Las Vegas with a long stop-over in Utah. We met up with our daughter Christine in Vegas. No need to tell you about Las Vegas; you are all familiar with that city although you probably didn't do what I did there: attend a conference for kindergarten teachers. Great way to write off part of a vacation!



This is the very famous shot of Mt. Rushmore, but it is much more awesome when view in real life, and especially impressive during the night show with lights and music.



Not as well known as Mt. Rushmore but equally impressive is the carving of the Indian Chief known as Crazy Horse. When totally completed, the monument will be six times as large as Mt. Rushmore.

# Excerpts from the General Meeting of August 7, 2008

Report by Sec Dan



## Correspondence:

**Na Kupuna O Koolau** – Thank you letter for our generous contribution to the group

**East Manoa Lions Club** – Invitation to join them on 8/26/08 to hear Coach Dave Shoji

**Manawale'a Riding Center** – Notice regarding their fundraiser on 8/23/08.

**Jackie Chun-Fat** – Interest in having her daughter participate in some of our activities

**District Office** – Exec Secretary requesting information of eyeglass collection boxes

**Aileen Deese** – Information regarding the 10/8 World Lions Service Day activity at the Empress Restaurant.

**St. Anthony church Outreach Program** – Thank you letter from the recipient of the Weinberg Grant.

## Reports:

**1st Cabinet Meeting** – Secretary reported on the highlights of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cabinet Meeting. Particular note regarding the report

by District Webmaster, Lion Irwin Santos.

**Zone Advisory Meeting** – Secretary reported on the advisory meeting.

**International Youth Camp activity** – Lion Cecelia reported on the youth camp activity at Manawale'a. Lions hosted 24 youths who were briefed on the therapeutic program and also got the opportunity to ride the horses in the new arena and adjoining area. Youths were hosted to a taco dinner.

**Eye Glass Cleaning Project** – Scheduled for 9/20/08.

**Kailua High School Leo Club** – Discussed the Leo Club and ways to effectively communicate with the Leos.

**Bus Shelter Repair** – Lion David reported on the extent of repairs needed to the Bus Shelter which fronts Castle Hospital.

**Ka'elepulu Map Painting** – Painting of the maps at the Ka'elepulu Elementary School scheduled for 8/23/08 at 8 am.

## Unfinished Business:

**Committee Assignments** – Prexy Baniaga announced the committee assignments. Requested that budgets be submitted.

**VDG Candidate Chris Tamura** – Members approved the endorsement of VDG Candidate Chris Tamura of the Pearl City Lions Club.

## New Business:

**World Service Day** – Need member to chair the project.

**Peace Poster Contest** – Three kits need to be ordered for potential participating schools.

**Lions Leadership Institute** – Announced upcoming institute. Encouraged Lion David Kunioka to attend. Club to pay cost of tuition.

**Family Promise** – Lion Cecelia requested the membership to consider supporting a project for the homeless (Family Promise). To provide housing and food for homeless families for a day.

## Announcements:

Prexy Baniaga reminded members that the highway cleanup will be held on 8/9/08. Report at 7:30 a. m. at the Pohakupu Park.

## Ka'elepulu Elementary School Map Painting August 23, 2008

Five minutes of rain erased all the gain. Work on the painting of the map started at 8 am under sunny skies but unfortunately one Lanikai rain cloud caused the United States to unite into one blob and flow down the drain. Chairperson Lion Gary says the project will be definitely rescheduled sometime in October .



Lions singing "Whistle While You Work" were hard at work refreshing the colors of the United States map.



Unfortunately, in one rain shower, Alaska flowed into the West Coast and Maine stretched into the Atlantic Ocean.

# Excerpts from the Board Meeting of August 21, 2008

Report by Sec Dan



## Correspondence:

### District Project – HMSA fu Shot

**Clinics** - Reviewed the information forwarded by the District Exec Secretary. Prexy will request Zone Chair to coordinate the Windward Locations. Joint Club effort needed to provide the manpower

**World Lions Service Day** – Information provided by Lion Aileen Deese. Event to be held on 10/8/08 at the Empress Restaurant.

### New/Old Business:

**Highway Cleaning Project** – Approx 30 bags of trash was picked up. 10 members participated.

**Ka’elepulu Elementary Map painting** – Scheduled for 8/23/08 at 8:00 a.m.

**Manawale’a Riding Center** – Fundraising to be held on 8/23/08. Starts at 1:00 pm until 8:00 pm.

**Peace Poster Contest** – 3 kits ordered. St. Anthony School is a participant & other schools to be

contacted.

**Leos** – Lion Bob Pang contacted incoming Prexies. Leos meet at 11:45 a.m. on the 2d and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.

**Bus Shelter Repair** – Lion David Kunioka outlined the bus shelter repair project which will be held on 9/6/08. Bus Shelter is located in front of the Castle Hospital.

**Eye Glass Cleaning Project** – Lion Gary Hiramatsu to chair the 9/20/08 project at St. Anthony School.

**Club Website** – Lion Cecelia to check with Lion Irwin Santos for additional information on the setting up and maintenance costs of the potential website.

**Windward Mall Celebrates (Festival of Giving)** – Lion Emoto presented and board approved the fundraising opportunity to be held on 11/15 and 11/16/08 and represents a unique opportunity to raise funds. Lion Emoto to complete the application which needs to be turned in by 9/1/08.

## Joke of the Day

Email from Lion Gary Hiramatsu

A man and a woman were asleep like two innocent babies. Suddenly, at 3 o'clock in the morning, a loud noise came from outside. The woman, sort of bewildered, jumped up from the bed and yelled at the man 'Holy Crap, That must be my husband!' So the guy quickly jumped out of the bed, scared and naked he jumped out the window like a crazy man. He smashed himself on the ground, ran through a thorn bush and then started to run as fast as he could to his black car.

A few minutes later he returned and went up to the bedroom and screamed at the woman, 'I AM your husband!!!'

The woman yelled back, 'Yeah, then why were you running?'

And that folks...is how the fight started.

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When I got home last night, my wife demanded that I take her someplace expensive...so, I took her to a gas station...and then the fight started...

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After retiring, I went to the Social Security office to apply for Social Security. The woman behind the counter asked me for my driver's license to verify my age. I looked in my pockets and realized I had

left my black wallet at home. I told the woman that I was very sorry, but I would have to go home and come back later. The woman said, 'Unbutton your shirt'.

So I opened my shirt revealing my curly silver hair. She said, 'That silver hair on your chest is proof enough for me' and she processed my Social Security application.

When I got home, I excitedly told my wife about my experience at the Social Security office. She said, 'You should have dropped your black pants. You might have gotten disability, too.'

And then the fight started...

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My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

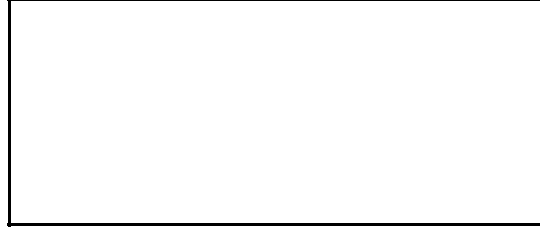
My wife said, 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

And then the fight started...

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### ZONE CLUB MEETINGS:

Kahaluu Lions Club  
1st & 3rd Thurs  
Key Project  
47-200 Waihee Road

Kaneohe Lions Club  
Pohai Nani  
45-090 Namoku Street  
1st & 3rd Tues 7 pm

Koolaupoko Lions Club  
Territorial Savings  
19 Oneawa Street  
2nd & 4th Thurs 7 pm

## Passing Thoughts and Any Last Words

I'm sure by now you've heard of the Waipio lady who won \$1.8 mil at the Wheel of Fortune slots at the Cal. Well, she's my niece, my sister's daughter. How many times I tell myself I'm lucky to break even. Now I'm lucky I'm her favorite UNCLE!

Bulletin editor  
Clarence



Jasmine Yamauchi hits it big at the Wheel of Fortune

## CALENDAR:

- Sep 4 General Membership Meeting (Wondering what to wear? Look through the bulletin for clues.)
- Sep 6 Bus Shelter Project
- Sep 18 Board Meeting
- Sep 20 Eyeglass Cleaning Project
- Sep 27 Kahaluu Lions Weinberg
- Sep 27 Amblyopic Screening at Windward Ho'olaule'a