

In 2022 West Kauai Lions
Celebrates our 85th Year
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WEST KAUAI LIONS CLUB

This month West Kauai Lions Club celebrates our 85th Charter Celebration. The club was chartered November 15, 1937. General membership meeting held on Wednesday November 2, 2022 at Wongs Chinese Restaurant in Hanapepe start time is 6 PM. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month.



Lion Charles called the meeting to order. We have two new members attending the meeting Jay Ford and Naomi Tsuneyoshi. There are at least two others prospective Lions. Sponsors are Lions Malcolm Tam, Charles Ortiz, and Jackie Renaud

Active Lions - PDG Thomas (Tomo) Mitsunaga a member of Lanai City Lions Club since 1949. He recently celebrated his 100th birthday. He lives on Kauai with his daughter and her family. He continues to attend our meetings. Lion Naoko Ho not far behind is 92 years young and also attends our club meetings and projects regularly. Other awesome Lions to be highlighted in other newsletters.



Photos from our meeting held on Wednesday, November 2nd. In the photos are Lions Mark Domingcil, Dan Nagata, Basilio Fuertes, Brian Kimura, Emiliano Erice, Ray Ford, Eric Nordmeier, Charles Ortiz, Antonia Triad Loomis, Lockcey Triado-Goravica, Kay Hill, Naoko Ho, Vanessa Udarbe, Naoko Tsuneyoshi, and Mel Kaneapua in the first page photo. Lion Jackie Renaud not pictured but present.



Kauai Veterans Day Ceremony, Friday, November 11, 2022 at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe. WKL provides cold water, coffee, juice, and pastries.

The Veterans Day ceremony is held at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery in Hanapepe. The theme for 2022 is "Honor". Veterans and family members are proud of their military service in defending our Nation.

West Kauai Lions Club has supported this Veterans

Day and Memorial Day ceremonies for many decades. It is a great to have Lions veterans and none veterans and family members to support this program.



The Boy Scouts of American has also been a fixture at these ceremonies. This year they assisted the West Kauai Lions Club in setting up the refreshment lines by helping with setting

up the tents and tables.



Thanksgiving “Turkey Shoot” social was on Wednesday, November 16th at the Waimea Neighborhood Center 4556 Makeke Rd, Waimea starting at 6 PM. This was a successful potluck dinner. WKL will provide the turkey, ham, water, utensils, plates, and napkins others provided the rest.

There were over 50 participants Lions, Companions in Service, family, and friends.



A variety and lots of food items such as turkey and ham, beverages, pastries, ad vegetables.



Zone Chairperson Lion Kay Hill inducted Lion Julia Hirano who is also the Leo Faculty Advisor for the Waimea High School Leos. Sponsored by Lion Basilio Fuertes. Lion Charles Ortiz inducted Lions Ray Ford and Naomi Tsuneyoshi sponsored by Lion Malcolm Tam.



No Lions meeting on Wednesday December 7, 2022 in place of the meeting we will meet at Hofgaard Park in Waimea for Christmas caroling starting at 5 PM

Salvation Army Bell Ringing fundraiser will be on Saturday December 10th from 8 am to 8 PM. There is a sign up sheet

We will participate in the Waimea Light Parade December 17th

December 21st Christmas Social at Wongs in Hanapepe, starting 6 PM. Please RSVP no later than the first December meeting, Wednesday, December 7, 2022. No host event, pay as you go.



Waimea High School Leo Club

Leo Club project on Saturday, November 19, 2022 in Waimea, Kauai Valley. Hands on learning how to grow and harvest taro.

The Mission of Kumano I Ke Ala: Empowering West Kauai towards a sustainable future, while protecting and preserving native Hawaiian Culture. We started out in the Hale

The instructor was Enoka Karratti from Kumano I Ke Ala who provided a brief history of the Waimea and Makaweli Valleys. How taro is grown and general information on the non-profit Kumano I Ke Ala.

Taro is a root vegetable Enoka explained that an issue is a snail which attacks the root. He also stated that dry land is not impacted by the snails but rather by the pigs and other



animals. The Leo members went out to the dry taro fields and pulled weeds, they also fed and provided water to the pigs in the nearby cages.

From the dry land taro fields we traveled up the valley crossing the Waimea river and headed to the wet land taro fields. Here Enoka provided additional history and how wetland taro is grown. The Leos had a chance to get dirty and pull some taro to be bagged.



Enoka Karratti described the process of maintaining the fields.

Enoka also pointed out that taro is a plant that one can use the leaves

West Kauai Lions and Waimea High School has and continues to support the community with performing activities and still active with meetings.



Hanapepe Salvation Army Turkey Lunch distribution is supported by West Kauai Lions Club, and others. Lions Kay Hill, Joan Contival, Malcolm Tam, Naomi Tsuneyoshi, Brian Kimura, Charles Ortiz, Antonia Triado-Loomis, Ray Ford, and Community Volunteer Randy Francisco. Preparing the Thanksgiving lunch boxes to be distributed. On the grounds ion the Salvation Army. Serving 285 plates.





West Kauai Business and Professional Association does an annual lighting of County of Kauai Hofgardd Park. Lions Basilio Fuertes, Antonia Triado-Loomis, Joan Contival, Kay Hill, and Eric Nordmeier.





