



# Ka Leo O Ka Liona



Leos Lead!!



Merry Christmas from the East Hawaii Lions Clubs



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**Santa's Helpers – Waiakea High School Leos**  
**Mahalo Lion Alan Shiraishi for the pictures and for being a fabulous Leos Liaison**

Lions Alan Shiraishi, Rex Ribao, Pat Naughton, Cyrus Wilson, Sean Valencia, Kelton Chang, Kenneth Nakagawa, Wayne Kuwaye and CIS Carol Kuwaye assisted with the Hilo Christmas Light Parade in one way or another from planning, getting candy, getting materials for construction and decorating of the Lions float, riding the float and greeting the crowds, getting and returning of light towers for the parade staging sight, dismantling the float, putting away the decorations, and disposing the rubbish.

## **Prexy's Message**

**Aloha Fellow Lions, CIS and Friends,**

I hope that all of you enjoyed your Thanksgiving celebration and remembered to give thanks for what we have. High surf and the Hilo Christmas Light Parade have passed and Mauna Loa continues to WOW us. This year will soon be a part of the past and next year is coming upon us very soon.

Some of the events that the Waiakea Lions Club participated in late October and November were:

- On October 29, Lion Ken Rosene was able to turn in \$379.00 to the YWCA's Walk-A-Mile-In-Her-Shoes Domestic Violence project. Thank you Lion Ken!!!
- Also on October 29, Lions Alan Shiraishi and Sean Valencia assisted the Waiakea High School Leos at the American Cancer Society's Pink Out 5K color run/walk.
- Lion Wayne attended a zone meeting and the Big Island Lions Foundation meeting that were both held on October 29.



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- Lion Pat Naughton has been working on the Sight is Beautiful poster contest. We have added Keonepoko and Keaau elementary schools to participate in this contest. As of the end November, four of the six eligible schools have requested and received poster paper. Mahalo to Lion Hope Chu Hing and Lion Pat for purchasing a new batch of poster paper for the club. Mahalo to Lion Kayleen Kameda-Hunt for cutting all the poster paper – well over a 1,000 sheets.
- Used eyeglasses recycling: Lion Melvin Kunimoto collected used eyeglasses from several locations in Hilo on October 25.
- Hawaii Food Basket: On November 2, Lions Clement Chang, Thelma Merino Young and Wayne Kuwaye packed 525 cases of food items that were stacked onto 15 pallets and on November 3, Lions Eugene Lyman and Wayne Kuwaye packed 560 cases of food items that were stacked onto 16 pallets.
- Vision Screening: On October 14, Lions Clement Chang, Eugene Lyman, Melvin Kuimoto and Wayne Kuwaye screened 263 students at Kohala High School and on October 15, Lions Eugene Lyman, Clement Chang, Cyrus Wilson, Kevin Ono, James Miyake, Melvin Kunimoto and Wayne Kuwaye screened 125 students at Kohala Middle School. On October 21, Lions PDG George Kodani, Cyrus Wilson, Eugene Lyman, Clement Chang, Melvin Kunimoto and Wayne Kuwaye screened students at Hilo Union School. No information on the numbers from Hilo Union School yet.
- Lions Club of Kona meeting - Lion Wayne and CIS Carol attended the GMM of the Lions Club of Kona as they were visited by DG Gary Nip and CIS Joyce.
- Keiki Christmas: Lions Sean Valencia, Kurt Williams, Amy Matsui and Kayleen Kameda-Hunt are taking the lead in planning and preparing for this event. The date of the Keiki Christmas has been changed to **Sunday, December 18** due to the late arrival of toys from Toys for Tots.
- Thanksgiving potluck social: The Thanksgiving potluck social was held on November 15 in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking. It was nice to see some members that we haven't seen for a while. Prexy Wayne tried out a new type of Bingo game – the consensus of participants was that he needs to refine it a bit more.
- Y's Men and Women Club Christmas Tree Sale - Lance Niimi from the Y came to our last general membership meeting to ask for our help at their Christmas Tree Sale. Thank you to Lions Pat Naughton, Clement Chang, Kellcey Ah Yo-Ribao, Kevin Ono, Wayne Kuwaye and CIS Carol Kuwaye for helping at the Christmas Tree Sale.
- Thanksgiving Meal - Lions Wayne Kuwaye and Kayleen Kameda-Hunt, CIS Carol Kuwaye and CIS Ken (WD) Hunt assisted the Hawaii Lions Unlimited Lions Club prepare and serve 184 Thanksgiving meals to homeless people.



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- Flag Day - Lion Kayleen Kameda-Hunt has done some research for purchasing flags and Lion Pat Naughton will coordinate this project again this year. Thank you Lions Kayleen and Pat. This was the late PID Herb Watanabe's signature project – Lion Pat says he can feel PID breathing down his neck when doing the project.

Coming up in December are:

- December 1 and 2, Vision Screening at Hilo Intermediate School.
- December 6, Board of Directors meeting in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking. Starts at 6:00 pm.
- December 7 and 8, packing food items at the Hawaii Food Basket. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm on both days. Lunch to be provided for workers.
- December 9 and 10, Salvation Army bell ringing at Walmart from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, both days.
- December 18, Keiki Christmas Drive Through at Big Island Toyota. Look for details from Lion Sean Valencia.
- December 20, Free Potluck Christmas social in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking. Please bring canned goods or non-perishable goods that will be donated to a needy organization or donate \$3.00. Starts at 6:00 pm..
- December 25, Have a safe and Merry Christmas!!!!
- December 31, Get ready to welcome 2023!!! Please remember that we still have a community that we need to serve in 2023.

Have a SAFE and HAPPY Holiday season!! CIS Carol joins me in wishing all you the very best for having a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!!!

Kden, lattaz.

Lion President Wayne Kuwaye

## December Lions Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Ken Nakagawa	12/23
PDG George Kodani	12/27



### Club Anniversaries

Patrick Ho	1977
Cyrus Wilson	2004
Hope Chu Hing	2016

**Bulletin Deadline for the January 2023 Issue is December 28.**

Please e-mail copy and pictures to Lion Pat at [patrick\\_naughton@hotmail.com](mailto:patrick_naughton@hotmail.com)

**Remember, GM is held at Kuwaye Trucking Breezeway**



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*Have a Wonderful Christmas  
And  
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