



# Ka Leo O Ka Liona

## Prexy's Message

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

For Hawaii Island, 2023 has had a target start with a traffic fatality before Oahu, crime, and even the murder of a generous couple who has given a lot to our community. Therefore, now is the time for all good Lions to come to the aid of our community. We need not ask what our community can do for us, but instead, we should ask what we can do for our community (to paraphrase President Kennedy).

As 2023 began, the Club helped the Hawaii Food Basket by packing food items into 1,255 cases and stacked onto 38 pallets for distribution to needy Kupuna on Hawaii Island.

Lion President Wayne Kuwaye visited Lions Donald Yoshina, Kenneth Uemura and Robert Kawakone to present them with their LCI letters and service chevrons for years that they have been in Lions. While visiting Lion Donald Yoshina, L/P Wayne learned that he had fallen and broke his hip and is now in a wheel chair. Lions Ken and Bob are staying close to home because of their present health issues. We all talked about how active we all were while we were in better health (da good ole daze).

L/P Wayne visited Lion James Miyake while he was in the hospital. Lion James is now at home and no visitors are allowed.

Lion Sam Reynolds has also been in the hospital and no visitors are allowed to visit him. Lion Sandy Ozeki has been released from the hospital and is now living at home and welcomes visitors to cheer her up. Lion Kenneth Nakagawa has also been setback with health issues. Lion Pat Naughton had a bad bout of COVID but appears to be well on the road to recovery.

On Saturday, January 14, Lions Wayne Kuwaye, Eugene Lyman, Mel Kunimoto, Kevin Ono and PDG George Kodani washed and packed 933 pairs of glasses as a Vision Project. The glasses will be sent to District.



Mahalo PDG George for pics – you need to take selfies so you get in the pics. too.



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On January 18, the Waiakea Lions Club donated nonperishable food items to the YMCA child care program.

On January 20, Lions Melvin Kunimoto, Eugene Lyman, Clement Chang and Wayne Kuwaye helped Project Vision Hawaii with vision screening at Paaulo Elementary and Intermediate School.



Sight Is Beautiful posters are due on January 25<sup>th</sup>, four elementary schools are participating this year: Keaukaha, Chiefess Kapi`olani, Waiakeawaena, and Keonepoko. Mahalo to Lions Hope Chu Hing, David Cross and Prexy Wayne for picking of the posters since the project chair, Lion Pat, will be off island. The club has 4 weeks to judge the posters before sending the winners for each grade level to Zone. We were so proud that 4 of our winners last year placed at the District (State) level.

In February, the club expects to again be involved with four Waiakea Complex elementary schools in “Flag Day.” Due to on-going pandemic DOE protocols, we will provide the schools with flags and information flyers to be distributed to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. The Waiakea Complex Superintendent has thanked the Club for this initiative.

For the rest of January and the month of February, the following events are scheduled

January 23, District 50 GAT Best Practices webinar

January 24, Vision screening at Honoka`a Elementary School

January 27, 28 and 29, District 50 Winter Forum at KMC.

January 30 and 31, vision screening at Kahakai Elementary School in Kona

February 5, Adopt a Highway from Wainaku to Paukaa (9:00 am till pau), meet at Wainaku Lookout

February 7, BOD meeting 6:00 pm at Kuwaye Trucking

February 8, 9 and 13, Packing of food items at the Food Basket



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Thought of the month:

A, A a A. Accept, Adapt and Advance. We need to be better!!!!

Take care, and see you soon.

Lion President Wayne Kuwaye

## February Lions Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Curt Sharp	2/3
Kevin Ono	2/14



### Club Anniversaries

Kevin Ono	1990
JoAnne Dakujaku	2020
Sean Valencia	2020

**Bulletin Deadline for the March 2023 Issue is February 28.**

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**February 21 GM will be held at Kuwaye Trucking Breezeway**

*Mochi Making and Kung Hee Fah Choy*

