

In November 2022 West  
Kauai Lions reached our  
85th Year of being  
Charter With Lions Clubs  
International.

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**ZONE CHAIRPERSON KAY HILL**  
**CLUB PRESIDENT LION CHARLES ORTIZ**  
**MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER**

## **WEST KAUAI LIONS CLUB**

**M**arch 1st West Kauai Lions Club general membership meeting. Discussed the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. The project committee has been planning for the Easter Sunday event. West Kauai Lions Club maybe the only one using real eggs.



Lions attending the general membership meeting were Vanessa Udarbe, Naoko Ho, Lockcey Triado-Goravica, Lion from Maine Jay Spenciner, Lion from Maine Elaine Spenciner, Naomi Tsuneyoshi, Joan Contival, Antonia Triado-Loomis, Jacqueline Jackie-Wong-Renaud, Basilio Fuertes, Brian Kimura, Mark Domingcil, Charles Ortiz, Jay Ford, Malcolm Tam, Emiliano Erice, Eric Nordmeier.

Fundraiser update: On Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25 was our fundraiser, the first since the pandemic was responsible for the preventing participation of in any fundraising activity. The chair for this smoked meat plate at the Waimea Town Celebration is Lion Mark Domingcil. Although all the figures are not in West Kauai was able to make a profit from this fundraiser. The success was not only selling of the plates but also the participation in staffing the booth. There were Lions, Companions in Service, Waimea High School Leos, Koloa Lions as well as Kauai Lion participating.

Zone Chairperson Lion Kay Hill updated on the February 4th Zone Social and Zone Advisory Committee meeting. Also discussed the upcoming Zone Advisory Committee meeting on May 15th in Lihue, All clubs are inviting, here will introduce the Zone Chairperson for 2023-2024 Lion year and also the incoming club President, First Vice President, and Secretary.

The club slate of officers for 2023-2024 Lion year is being addressed. Club election will be done not later than April 15th and reported to Lions Club International on or before May 15, 2023. The club officers at a minimum will be club president, first vice president, second vice president, secretary, treasurer, four directors, LCIF coordinator, service chairperson, membership chairperson, and marketing and communication chairperson.

Lion Naoko Ho chairperson for the club's sight is beautiful poster contest reported that all the posters were judged and the first place winners handed over to Zone poster contest Lion Deanna Starinieri Chairperson.

Lion Joan Contival reported on the Kauai Lions charter and blind dinner event. Lions Antonia Triado-Loomis, Naoko Ho, Zone Chairperson Kay Hill, Basilio Fuertes, Vanessa Udarbe, and Eric Nordmeier. Past District Governor Eric Nordmeier inducted four Lions into Kauai Lions Club during this charter event: Mike Miranda sponsor Vonn Ramos, Linda Tani, Danette Wise and Chris Brun sponsored by Lion Jeff Venzon

Waimea High School scholarship update by Lion Kay Hill. Forms were submitted to the counselor's office at Waimea High School.

Lion Eric Nordmeier reports on Memorial Day ceremony at the Kauai Veterans Cemetery, Monday May 29th. West Kauai has provided pastries, water and juice for this for many years. Will verify with the Kauai Veterans Council on this year's program.

Waimea High School Leo Club is active and has 45 members. They will be electing club officers for 2023-2024 Leo year during tMarch 8th meeting. They had planned an outing at the Loi (taro farm) at Kumano in Waimea Valley but due to the heavy rains the trip was rescheduled. The Leo Club assisted with the West Kauai Lions fundraiser project during the Waimea Town Celebration. On March 25th is an health fair and carnival they will be selling Bruddah pops, ring toss, and running the dunk tank.

Lion Basilio Fuertes, membership chairperson current membership is 31.

Lion Eric Nordmeier service chairperson report. People served 9021, service activities 26, and volunteer hours 2,579.

Lion Eric Nordmeier, marketing and communications: submitted to district 50 a the newsletter which is posted on the district website [hawaiilions.org](http://hawaiilions.org) and also submitted to the district Leo Liona.

Friday March 10, 2023 West Kauai Lions participated in the Project Vision Hawaii - Garden Isle Gala at the Sheraton Kauai Resort in Poipu. Lions attending the gala were, Naoko Ho, Joan Contival, Antonia Triado Loomis, Zone Chairperson Kay Hill, and Eric Nordmeier. Also in the picture is Farrah Kauhuane-Floerke Executive Director of Project Vision Hawaii.

Project Vision Hawaii is not only a vision centered by offers an array of other services such as Medicare applications statewide, Peer specialist with lived experience leading homeless outreach, Case management, especially for happy mothers, using application services to support those experiencing homelessness, Billing for ex exams for sustainability, Vision in the prisons, Hearing screening protocol, while maintaining State covid response, State vision



screening program that is now self-sustainable through a partnership with DHS, DoE, and VTL, Hygiene events 3-5 times weekly on Kauai.



General Membership meeting March 15, 2023. Lions attending the general membership meeting were Jean Chapp from Michigan, Jean a former Member of West Kauai, Jay Spoenciner and Elaine Spenciner from Maine, Antonia Triado-Loomis, Lockcey Triado-Goravica, Joan Contival, Vanessa Udarbe, Naomi Tsuneyoshi, Sharon Gamiao, Charles Ortiz, Basilio Fuertes, Brian Kimura, Misty Cluett, Zone Chairperson Kay Hill, David Chapp from Michigan, Eric Nordmeier, Jay Ford, Malcolm Tam and Naoko Ho.

Easter Egg project in Kekaha at the ball field is progressing. The park is secured and also help from the Hanapepe Salvation Army donating the toys, Kekaha Community assisting with the boiling of the eggs and also on Sunday April 9, 2023. They are also donating as prized 4



bicycles. The AG group is donating cupcakes. The Leo Club will also be assisting and the Lions of West Kauai.



March 16, 2023 Lions Charles Ortiz and PDG Eric Nordmeier of the West Kauai Lions Club attended the Koloa Lions Club meeting which was a sendoff gathering for Lion Sandi Sterker who is departing Kauai and relocating to the State of Arizona.







Saturday March 25, 2023 Waimea High School had a Health Fair and Lions Charles Ortiz, Brian Kimura, Lockcey Goravica, and PDG Eric Nordmeier staffed a booth with vision screening and other Lions informational materials. Did vision screening, mostly answered questions on what we do as Lions on the Westside of Kauai. There is a potential Lion who stopped at the booth and wanted to find out more about our club. This potential member was a Lion in Wisconsin and now lives on Kauai. We were next to the Waimea High School Leo Club booth who was holding their fundraiser to obtain funds to defray the cost of attending the District Leo convention at the end of May on Oahu. There were numerous Leos assisting with the fundraiser.

The Health Fair was well attended by other non profits and also there was entertainment going on during the fair. Many community members attended the fair. It was an excellent opportunity to reach out to the community.

As stated we have a protective Lion coming to our meeting and hopefully joining our club.



