



Ka Leo O Ka Liona

Waiakea LIONS Club - Under New Management

Prexy's Message

Aloha Lions and Friends,

As we end the 2023 year I would like to thank our past Board Officers and Directors for their service:

- Lion Wayne, who has been President for the past few years lead us without complaint and did what he could to inspire each of us to come out and do what we do best, SERVE. Thank you IPP Lion Wayne.
- Lion Mikki who also served as Secretary for many, many years has kept us in the know by sending out emails/meeting notes each month keeping us abreast of what is going on. I really appreciate what you do for our club.
- PDG George kept our books clean and in the best spirit of past treasurers, kept the Club grounded with the magic word: "NO."
- Two Directors have really stepped to the front and need to be recognized for Vision (Lion Mel) and Environmental Projects (Lion Sean). Their future help is really appreciated.
- I can't forget Lion Pat who has diligently created our monthly newsletter - without complain - for many years. He assumed many of the Late PID Herb Watanabe's projects (Sight Is Beautiful, Flag Day, HS and ES awards). He has been our tail twister, lucky number drawings guy for so long that I can't remember anyone else doing it. Thank you Lion Pat for always helping.
- All other Directors and Board Members, thank you. Without volunteers we would not be able to do what we do best, help our community.

July 1st marks a new year for the Lions and I hope each Lion is able to come out and help on service projects throughout the year. Lion Miki will send out emails about service projects and Lion Pat will be sending out the bulletin with this information. If you can help, please do. Our volunteerism has been really low as a club, and I am hoping to get us all back out there again. Do you remember the days where we would get at least 10 – 15 Lions on each project? I do and that's what attracted me to the Lions. The camaraderie within the club was great. Let's try and get this back again. If you can volunteer just 1 hour per project, it would go a long way in keeping our club intact and flourishing. We need you; the community needs you.

Lion Mikki will be sending out a tentative calendar of events each month to the end of the year. The calendar will also be in the August Bulletin. Please consider giving an hour of your time each month to make projects successful.

What is our motto? WE SERVE!!

Mahalo,

Lion Prexy Hope



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Mahalo Lion Mikki for photo

2023-2024 District and Club Leadership DG CJ Kalopodes and WLC President Hope Chu Hing

Officers for Lion Year 2023-24

President - Lion Hope Chu Hing
IPP and Club Services – Lion Wayne Kuwaye
Secretary – Lion Mikki Kameda–Hunt
Treasurer – Lion Amy Matsui
Director – Lion Sean Valencia
Director – Lion Mel Kunimoto (Eye Glass Recycling – only)
Director – Lion Eugene Lyman
Bulletin Editor – Lion Pat Naughton
Tail Twister/Lion Tamer – Lion Pat Naughton
Membership Director – Lion Pat Naughton

The Club welcomes more Lions to help out by becoming directors and to take on some of the roles assumed by Lion Pat. Please contact Incoming President Lion Hope if you are interested.



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And, from our Immediate Past President, Lion Wayne Kuwaye

Aloha fellow Lions, CIS and friends;

The month of June marks the end of the 2022 - 2023 year for the Waiakea Lions Club, District 50 Hawaii Lions and Lions Club International but we have shown no signs of slowing down. During this last month, we did ALL of these things:

- On June 7, Lions Eugene Lyman, Clement Chang and Wayne Kuwaye packed food items into 700 cases and on June 8, and Lions Eugene and Wayne packed another 665 cases of food items for the Hawaii Food Basket.
- Waiakea Lions Club came to the aid of the YMCA on June 13, 17 and 21. On June 13, Lion Wayne Kuwaye delivered food items for their summer camp. On June 17, Lions Sean Valencia, Wayne Kuwaye, WHS Leos Aiden and Dylan Valencia patched potholes in their parking lot that involved filling the potholes with asphalt material and tamping it to make a smooth surface. The filled potholes looked so nice that the County might hire the Waiakea Lions to patch potholes in some of our public facilities. Mahalo Lion Sean for pics. (Get more photos, contact Lion Pat to see them.)



Old Fashioned Workers



New Fashion Workers

On June 21, Lions Sean Valencia, Clement Chang, Kelton Chang, Wayne Kuwaye and helpers WHS Leos Dylan Valencia and Karley Chang reported to the YMCA at 5:00 PM to move and set concrete blocks in a designated area that will be used for parking. However, we were saved from doing heavy labor when Lion Wayne's friend Calvin brought a skid steer with forks to do the work. Since the skid steer was there, the temporary driveway was graded. So instead of moving and setting heavy concrete blocks, we ended up directing traffic since many people came to pick up their children from the summer camp program.



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- Lion Wayne Kuwaye is serving on a District committee in hopes of making the District what it should be and benefitting the Waiakea Lions Club at the same time.
- Since Lion Sean Valencia's twin sons are members of the WHS Leo Club, Lion Sean has indicated an interest to strengthen the relationship with the WHS Leo Club and the WLC. We need to invest more effort in working with the WHS Leos since they are the leaders of the future. I heard that CIS Robin was a past president of the WHS Leo Club not that long ago. The WLC also has some members that were WHS Leos once upon a time and it would be nice to have these Lions help us to strengthen our relationship with the WHS Leos.
- Lions Ken Rosene and Wayne Kuwaye collected some used eyeglasses from various locations on June 18, 22 and 23.
- PID Maurice Kahawaii had emergency surgery done at the Hilo Medical Center on June 7 and is now resting at home in Kona. Lion Wayne and CIS Carol visited him on June 19 and listened to him explaining the experiences that he went through. He complained of the uncomfortable ride while being medivaced from Kona to Hilo and eating the not very flavorful food while at the Hilo Medical Center. Even if the food was not to his delight, he gained five pounds. He was told to do nothing and that is creating a lot of work for his primary caregiver CIS/Lion Lani.
- After visiting PID Maurice, Lion Wayne and CIS Carol attended the installation banquet of the Lions Club of Kona. Their incoming president is Charles Nahale who has been a member for less than two years.
- Lion Wayne presented a resolution and plaque from District 50 Hawaii Lions to the family of the late Lion Donald Yoshina and informed them that the Waiakea Lions Club donated \$100.00 to the Hawaii Lions Foundation in his memory. I remember serving as Tail Twister and chairman of organ donor registration when Lion Donald was president. He used to ask me why I was so hard on Lion Jimmy Miyake and I always told him that Lion Jimmy was responsible for getting me to be the Tail Twister and that was my way to get back at Lion Jimmy. I always complained to Lion Donald about being the chairman of organ donor registration since that was not a fun type of project and he told me to just do it. There was a benefit of doing it since that gave me the opportunity to get to know most of the older members who served on the committee. After getting to know all of the older members, I ended up having a lot of uncles that felt like family to me. Thank you Lion Donald for giving me that opportunity and receiving the greatest gift of being a LION.
- **PAYING OUR MEMBERSHIP DUES** For those of us who already renewed our membership, we know the benefits of being a Waiakea Lion. For those of you who didn't renew your membership yet, you can see what the benefits are only if you **JUST SHOW UP**. You can make new friends who are like family, appreciate what and how you are when helping those less fortunate than you are, and getting a good feeling of helping our community that we call home. All you need to do is **JUST SHOW UP!** **JUST SHOW UP** is where it starts. Nothing good will happen if you don't show up. So **JUST SHOW UP** whenever you can. That's all we ask of you. Membership dues are like making an investment. Your participation is the multiplying factor that will determine your dividends, interest or gains. If doing nothing = 0, your dues X 0 = 0. Your participation will make your investment pay off. If you feel that I am wrong, **JUST SHOW UP** and prove to me that I am wrong. But the key to it all is to **JUST SHOW UP!!!!**



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Da Celebration was held on Saturday, June 24 at Coconut Grill

Celebrate wat? We celebrated another year of serving our community, recognizing the efforts of our members, CIS for their support, celebrated the 73rd birthday of the Waiakea Lions Club and the start of another year of serving. Special guests to Da Celebration were IPDG Mitch Tam, DG Gary and CIS Joyce Nip, DGE CJ and CIS Lion BJ Kalopodes, our supportive CISs and supportive friends Julie and Chastytie Lopes.

The following awards were presented:

- 100% attendance for 2021 – 2022 - Lions PDG George Kodani, Kayleen "Mikki" Kameda-Hunt, Patrick Naughton and Wayne Kuwaye
- 100% attendance for 2022 – 2023 - Lions Kayleen "Mikki" Kameda-Hunt, PDG George Kodani, Melvin Kunimoto, Eugene Lyman, Sean Valencia, Patrick Naughton and Wayne Kuwaye
- President's Appreciation - Lions Clement Chang, PDG George Kodani, Kayleen "Mikki" Kameda-Hunt, Sean "one more" Valencia, Cyrus Wilson, Eugene Lyman, Melvin Kunimoto, Patrick Naughton, Hope Chu Hing, and James Miyake.
- Achievement Award - Lions Patrick Naughton and Melvin Kunimoto

• Lion of the Year - Eugene Lyman

- District Governor Gary Nip presented the Maika'i coin for outstanding service to: Lions Kayleen "Mikki" Kameda-Hunt, Patrick Naughton, Melvin Kunimoto, Eugene Lyman, Clement Chang and Cyrus Wilson.
- District Governor Elect CJ Kalopodes installed all of the incoming officers and directors.

Mahalo to Second Vice District Governor-Elect Sean "Tiny" Benito for providing the beautiful birthday cake to congratulate and give his best wishes for the coming year, in his absence. Mahalo Lion Kellcey for the pic.



.A special MAHALO to all of you for your contributions in making the Waiakea Lions Club what it is.



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After a brief report of what the Waiakea Lions were involved with during 2022 – 2023, IPP Wayne Kuwaye composed a song to sum everything up. Lyrics to the report, with the help of Lions Mel Kunimoto, Eugene Lyman, Clement Chang and Cyrus Wilson was presented and sung by all. Mahalo Lion Mikki for the pic.



The words are as follows (the tune is from a Hawaiian Airlines Ad):

The Waiakea Lions.
We did things our style.
From North Kohala to Kau
from the Puna to the Kona side.
We did vision screening
and also tested hearing,
picked up rubbish
and cared for the land.

The Waiakea Lions
We did things our style.
From North Kohala to Kau
from the Puna to the Kona side.
We invested in our youth
because they're the leaders of tomorrow
and helped those less fortunate than us.

The Waiakea Lions.
We did things our style.
From North Kohala to Kau



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from the Puna to the Kona side.
We must live ALOHA
and embrace Ohana
to create memories that last forever.

The Waiakea Lions
We did things our style.
From North Kohala to Kau
from the Puna to the Kona side.

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Lion Pat Naughton hustled most of the Lucky Number prizes and thanks to CIS Carol who provided many more so everyone in attendance “probably” got something: Here is the display before Lions descended on the table.



Mahalo Lion Mikki for the photo.



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- To work off the calories from the dinner at Da Celebration, Lions Sean Valencia, PDG George Kodani, Melvin Kunimoto, Rex Ribao, Ken Rosene, Kurt Williams, DG Gary Nip, CIS Joyce Nip, DGE CJ Kalopodes, CIS Lion BJ Kalopodes, and Lion Wayne Kuwaye picked up 11 bags of rubbish along Highway 19 by the Wainaku scenic point. Hosting our fellowship time after picking up rubbish were CIS Carol Kuwaye, and friends Julie and Chastytie Lopes. Keakua provided us with very nice weather for this event that was held on Sunday, June 25.

Thank you very much for your support and please continue to support incoming President Hope Chu Hing, the officers and directors and the Waiakea Lions Club.

Lion IPP Wayne Kuwaye

July Meetings and Projects

July 5, 6 & 10 – Food packing at Hawaii Food Basket. 8 a.m.
 July 6 – Board of Directors Meeting, Breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking, 6 pm
 July 15 – Relay for Life Food Booth, 2:30 – 5:30 pm
 July 16 – Relay for Life Cleanup, 8-11:00 am
 July 18 – General Membership Meeting, Breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking, 6 pm
 July 25 – Highway Cleanup, Wainaku Lookout, 9 am until pau

July Lions Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Sean Valencia	7/5
Keani Shirai	7/21
Sydni Goya	7/25
Jimmy Miyake	7/26



Club Anniversaries

Pat Naughton	1986
Thelma Merino-Young	2014

Bulletin Deadline for the August 2023 Issue is July 28.

Please e-mail copy and pictures to Lion Pat at patrick_naughton@hotmail.com

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY AND BASTILLE DAY

July 4

July 14

