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Prexy's Message

Aloha Lions and Friends,

Another month is coming to a close and I would like to thank all that have participated in projects; food basket and beach cleanup and the first meeting for the 2023 Downtown Hilo Christmas Lights Parade planning meeting. Lions Wayne, Thelma and I were in attendance with others from various clubs. It was nice to gather and fellowship with one another all the while solidifying what needs to be done for the parade.

In the coming months we have various projects that will need each and every one of us to participate. We are starting to plan for Keiki Christmas, Christmas Parade, Visually Impaired Christmas Party are some activities that we need help with. Other activities are already set. **WE** just need helpers such as for Vision Screening with our Keiki. There are many opportunities for Lions to participate, you just need to come out and help. My goal is to have as many Lions as possible volunteer 1 hour a month, can you do that?

I don't want to forget Lions Eugene and Wayne who selflessly volunteers at the food basket every month, thank you.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is on September 5 and General Membership Meeting is on September 19 at "The Breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking". I hope to see more Lions at our meetings so that we can plan for our community events, fellowship, and continue our friendships.

Our mission as a Lion is to serve our community, are you?

Lion Prexy Hope

And, from our Immediate Past President, Lion Wayne Kuwaye

Moving District Fifty Forward

Lion Wayne Kuwaye participated in the Moving District Fifty Forward committee zoom meeting on July 28. Many issues were discussed about how the committee members see the District functions. The end product of what the committee does should benefit the entire district which includes all of the clubs that make up District Fifty. Lions who have issues or concerns about the Waiakea Lions Club as well as the functions of our district administration, please share your thoughts with Lion Wayne.

District 50 Global Service Team (GST) zoom meeting

The Waiakea Lions Club is fortunate that we have a very knowledgeable, capable, loyal, passionate, secretary who does a lot of behind the scene tasks for the Waiakea Lions Club (Mahalo Lion Mikki). A zoom meeting presented by PDG Eric Nordmeier on July 30 was to encourage all of the Lions Club to submit reports of projects to My Lion of Lions Clubs International (LCI). Reporting of projects as well as meetings are important to prove to LCI that we are doing services to our communities and taking care of our members.



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Legacy Project

On Saturday, August 12, Lions Wayne Kuwaye, Collins Tomei, Pat Naughton, Sean Valencia, Aaron Castillo, Prexy Hope Chu Hing, represented the Waiakea Lions Club doing maintenance work on the Legacy Project at Liliuokalani Garden. Lion Collins pressure washed the walkways with his pressure washer and his rotary surface washer. Lion Sam Reynolds stopped by to help while on his way to repair the bus stop shelter on Banyan Drive. Lion Ken Rosene also stopped by to help while taking CIS Yvonne on a tour of Hilo. The Waiakea High School Leos Club had seven members helping us and there was a Leo from Crescent City Leos Club as well as Lions from Akaka Falls, Crescent City and Hilo Lions Club. We were blessed with nice weather and a nice group of Lions and Leos to do whatever we needed to do. We gathered 53.3 bags of green waste that were loaded into a dumpster provided by the County.



Some of the Lions and Leos from Region VII at the Legacy Project. Can you identify Waiakea Lions? Mahalo Lion Sean Valencia for the pic and for organizing a great project. Your esteemed bulletin editor only managed to trip over one tree root but you can see he survived. Lion Wayne is trying to hide behind a shaka – you need a bigger hand for that to happen.

Banyan Drive Bus Stop Shelters

Lion Sam (Da Mayor of Banyan Drive) Reynolds is back in action. After helping with maintenance work of the Legacy Project at Liliuokalani Garden, Lions Sam and Wayne replaced three broken slats on one of the shelters and primed and painted over the graffiti on both of the shelters except for one wall on each of the shelters since we ran short of energy. Besides running out of energy on August 12, we ran out of paint. Both shelters look nice.

Moving District Fifty Forward

Lion Wayne Kuwaye participated in a zoom meeting of the MDFF committee on Monday evening, August 14. More of the committee members are starting to suggest ways of how the District can better serve the clubs. DG CJ Kalopodes and First VDG Lori Yamashita also participated and are both finding it very



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interesting watching the committee addressing some of the issue that exist within the District. Lion Wayne is hoping that his involvement with this committee will benefit the Waiakea Lions Club.

The Food Basket

Lions Eugene Lyman and Wayne Kuwaye participated in packing food items into 700 cases onto 20 pallets on Wednesday August 2 and 665 cases onto 19 pallets on August 3.

Zone advisory / Region meeting

The first zone / region meeting was held on Saturday, August 5 in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking followed by a meeting of the Big Island Lions Foundation (BILF). The maintenance work of the Legacy Project at Liliuokalani Garden was discussed. To avoid other clubs of Region VII scheduling other projects on the same day as a Legacy Project maintenance work day, the future work days for the Legacy Project are as follows;

- November 18, 2023 organized by Akaka Falls Lions Club
- February 10, 2024 organized by Crescent City Lions Club
- May 18, 2024 organized by Hilo Lions Club

The Region 2023 theme for the upcoming Hilo Christmas Lights Parade is ***Lighting the Christmas Spirit***. It is scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 25, starting at 6:00 PM. The committee held its first planning meeting on Sunday, August 27 in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking. Lions L/P Hope Chu Hing, Thelma Merino Young and Wayne Kuwaye represented the Waiakea Lions Club.

The Region ***Christmas Lights in the Park*** at Liliuokalani Garden will be on the weekend of Christmas.

The annual Christmas luncheon for the Visually Impaired will be organized by the Waiakea Lions Club.

The Akaka Falls Lions Club announced their 60th Charter Anniversary on September 9 and their fundraising wine tasting event on October 14.

Crescent City Lions announced their fundfest for September 16. ***cancelled due to the Maui Fires***

On August 28, Lions L/P Hope Chu Hing and Wayne Kuwaye attended the District 50 GAT Best Practices zoom meeting to learn about reporting projects to LCI. After the meeting, PDG Mark Mizuno informed us on how things are on Maui. They have a lot of supplies and they are well staffed with volunteers to help. The best way to help those on Maui is to donate money. Now is the time to see how Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) and Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF) can help those in need. Both LCIF and HLF can only help others with our financial help. **Please make donations to either LCIF or HLF and bring it to the next general membership meeting on September 19.** *Note: If you send a check to LCIF, it won't necessarily be used to support Maui's disaster but if you send it to HLF, and put "Maui Disaster Fund" on the memo line, all of the funds will go to Maui.*

Lion IPP Wayne Kuwaye



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Wai`uli Beach Cleanup

August 29, 2023

A big Mahalo to Lion Sean Valencia for organizing the quarterly beach cleanup. Lions who showed the flag (and the Lions t-shirt – except one Lion who will remain unmentioned so don't look at the pics): Lions Sean, Keani Shirai, Mel Kunimoto, Wayne Kuwaye, CollinZ Tomei, and PDG George Kodani. It was especially great to see Lion Dr. Keani back in Hilo.



Okay, who takes better pictures, Lion Sean or Lion CollinZ?



BEFORE



AFTER



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The Opala – what a haul!!

September Meetings and Projects

Sept 4 - Labor Day
Sept 5 - Board of Director's Meeting, Kuwaye Trucking Breezeway, 6 pm
Sept 9 - Akaka Falls 50th Anniversary Celebration [past due date to make reservation]
Sept 19 - General Membership Meeting, Kuwaye Trucking Breezeway, Potluck, 6 pm
Oct 14 - Akaka Falls winetasting

September Lions Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Hope Chu Hing	9/9
Clement Chang	9/14
Conen Nakamura	9/15
Wayne Kuwaye	9/19
Mel Kunimoto	9/26



Club Anniversaries

George Kodani	1977
Mel Kunimoto	1978
Richard Kodani	1999
Keani Shirai	2014
Kellcey Ah Yo-Ribao	2015
Curt Sharp	2017

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