



# Ka Leo O Ka Liona

## President's Message

### Aloha Waiakea Lions and CIS!!

First I want to welcome our newest member Belinda Villegas. Belinda was a Lion on Oahu for many years. She moved to the Hilo area and found her co-worker Lion David Cross was also a Lion. He invited her to a meeting and she joined us. Welcome Lion Belinda!!!! Mahalo 2VDG Sean Benito for induction Lion Belinda. Ask Lion Belinda about the volleyball she received from 2VDG Sean - maybe there is space for more Lions to sign the ball.



Lion Belinda with her Pro Temp Sponsor, Lion Sean Valencia standing in for Lion David Cross.

Another month is completed and we got to serve our community in various ways. Here is a highlight of the things we did:

- Highway Clean Up – Hilo and Pahoa
- Vision Screening
- The Food Basket
- American Cancer Society – Pink Out Color Run
- Sight is Beautiful – Planning

Also Lion Ken Rosene did a fabulous job representing Lions at the YWCA's "Walk a Mile" in Her Shoes." Lion Ken raised \$907. And he made wonderfully colorful presentation from his garden. He thanks all the Lions who supported him with cash and pledges.



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These are some of the things we did. As a group we also did a lot of planning for Keiki Christmas, KMC, Hilo Christmas Parade and other upcoming events in our area. It's great to work within our club and other clubs for the greater good of our community.

So, knowing what we did here is what have going on in November:

- Food Basket – 11/1 & 11/2 and if needed 11/6
- Board and General Membership Meeting – 11/14
- Food Drive (Safeway) – 11/18
- Legacy Project (Akaka Falls) – 11/18
- Christmas Parade – 11/25

We need you Waiakea Lions to come out and help wherever possible. Come to the GM meeting and see what's going on. We miss you (I miss you), our fellowship has dwindled to just a few of us and I would love it if we could get 10+ Lions to come and join us. Here's to seeing you at the GM.

Aloha,

**Lion President Hope**



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## Combined Board and General Membership Meetings

As you have seen from a separate e-mail from Secretary Lion Mikki, the proposal to combine the Board and general membership meetings- so that there is just one meeting a month - was approved unanimously at the October GM meeting. So, from now on, meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month. Henceforth, the Board meeting will be at 6 pm followed at 6:30 by the GM, starting this month on November 14.

## And, from our Immediate Past President, Lion Wayne Kuwaye

### Good Cheer

Lion Wayne went to visit Lion James Miyake on October 12. Lion James seems to be in good spirits and accepts the fact that he cannot do what he once did. However, he and his family went to Las Vegas to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. He is happy that he has a lot of support from his family.

On October 19, Lion Wayne went to visit Lion Kenneth Nakagawa. Lion Kenneth really misses coming to Lions meetings and projects. Without the full function of his left lung, he is hooked up to an air pump 24/7.

Lion Wayne also visited Lion Ken Rosene and CIS Yvonne after visiting Lion Kenneth Nakagawa. Lion Ken is kept busy caring for CIS Yvonne. CIS Yvonne was in good spirits and Lion Ken said that he may be able to join us on Sunday at the Adopt a Highway project and bring CIS Yvonne out for a ride and to enjoy the outdoors. Lion Ken also mentioned that he has a big bell that he wants to give to the Waiakea Lion Club so that Lion President Hope can ring that big bell when she calls the meetings to order. The bell is big and heavy. Lion Wayne hopes that some other Lion can help him carry the bell when he goes to visit Lion Ken again.

On October 21, Lion Wayne went to visit PID Maurice Kahawaii. PID Maurice enjoys talking stories and also is very watchful of his workers maintaining his huge estate. Anyone interested in talking or visiting him should call 808-325-1973.

### District 50 Health & Wellness

Lion Dr. James "Faddah" Yamashita of the Manoa Lions Club conducted a presentation about the kidneys. The presentation explained what the kidneys are, their functions, kidney diseases and how to take care of them. Lion Dr. James has conducted many Health & Wellness presentations. These presentations are usually held on Sunday evenings and all Lions are always invited. Our Lion Secretary, Lion Mikki always sends the notices to all of our members through email. These useful presentations are some of the benefits of being a Lion.



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## Moving District Fifty Forward

Lion Wayne participated in the MDFF committee zoom meeting on October 16. Ideas were brought to the committee's attention. These ideas will be further discussed and will be turned into a live presentation at the KMC Winter Forum in January. Meanwhile, the committee needs to make this production.

## KMC Winter Forum Planning

On October 18, Lion President Hope and Lion Wayne participated at the KMC Winter Forum meeting. L/P Hope attended by zoom and Lion Wayne was at the meeting in person so he got to eat some really ono grinds. Lion Wayne will solicit help from other Lions as we get closer to the date. The dates of the KMC Winter Forum are January 26 - 28, 2024.

## American Cancer Society Pink Out Color Walk / Run

On Friday, October 20, Lions Wayne Kuwaye and Sean Valencia loaded the tent for the ACS to use on Saturday for their Pink Out Color Walk / Run. On Saturday, October 21, Lion Sean took the tent to the Mooheau bandstand by 5:30 AM to help set up the tent. The Waiakea High School Leos were also helping with this event and I'm sure that Lion Alan Shiraishi was there too. After the event was done, Lion Sean helped with taking the tent down.

## Adopt a Highway

On Sunday, October 22, "Da Opala Pickaz" Lions PDG George Kodani, President Hope Chu Hing, Sean Valencia, Wayne Kuwaye, Pat Naughton, Melvin Kunimoto and Ken Rosene collected seven bags of rubbish and a tire (with a wheel). Lion Pat was talking to a tourist biking at the lookout who agreed that Lions do much service for everybody, as such, he donated \$5 to the club. Shortly after the collection of the roadside trash, Lion Wayne went to pick up some ice from Lion Melvin in Papaikou. On his way back to town, he noticed that there was a damaged reusable bag, pizza boxes and some other litter thrown on the area that was just cleaned about twenty minute earlier. There was also a coconut on the road. [Photo by Prexy Lion Hope.]







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**And from our Pahoa contingent of the WLC: Lion Paul Sebala, CIS Janet, and friends in the Puna Dirt Road Band hold a monthly highway cleanup on Hwy 130 just as you enter Pahoa town's traffic circle. Lion Paul reports they collected *fifteen bags, approximately 200 lbs of trash on October 1<sup>st</sup>*.**



Photo ID: kneeling April Fountain, L to R: Brad Ives, Jon Roberts, George Gorman, Geoffrey Last and yours truly. Note: Spot the 'ancient Hawaiian arrow we found.

Lion Pat travels this route 3 times a week and reports that this stretch of Hwy 130 is a very clean roadway.

## Hilo Christmas Lights Parade Planning Meeting

Lions Wayne Kuwaye and Sean Valencia attended the Hilo Christmas Lights Parade planning meeting on Sunday after taking a short break following the Adopt a Highway project. WHS Leo Jensen attended also. The parade will be held on Saturday, November 25. Help is needed from 2:00 PM before the parade that starts at 6:00.



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## **Da Eye Team is on the road again**

On October 2, The Waiakea Lions Club Eye Team members: Lions PDG George Kodani, Eugene Lyman, Melvin Kunimoto and Wayne Kuwaye went to Waiakea Intermediate School to assist Project Vision Hawaii with vision screening. Returning to Waiakea Intermediate School on October 3 were WLC Eye Team members Lions PDG George Kodani, Eugene Lyman, Clement Chang and Wayne Kuwaye. Headed north to Hawi, in North Kohala on October 5, were WLC Eye Team members Lions Eugene Lyman and Clement Chang to assist with vision screening at Kohala Elementary School.

## **Packing da food at The Food Basket:**

Lions Eugene Lyman, Clement Chang and Wayne Kuwaye were at The Food Basket on October 4 and packed food items into 700 cases that were stacked onto 20 pallets and on October 5, Lions Wayne Kuwaye and Collins Tomei packed food items into 665 cases that were stacked onto 19 pallets. Lion Wayne was really happy to have Lion Collins helping him on October 5 since Lions Eugene Lyman and Clement Chang were assisting with vision screening in Kohala. Well, gotta do wat gotta do. More help is greatly appreciated.

Remember the last line of the Lions Pledge that states: I am proud to be a Lion DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF OTHERS. PLEASE HELP IN ANY WAY THAT YOU ARE ABLE TO.

We really appreciate all of the help that we can get!! More detailed information will be available as time gets closer to the date of the event.

**Thank you in advance for your help.**

**Lion IPP Wayne Kuwaye**

***Can't make it to a meeting but still want to contribute? Here are two ways you can serve Lions International and District 50 Lions.***

### **1. Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF)**

LCIF is funded by donations from Lions of the world for global causes such as vision, youth, disaster relief and other humanitarian purposes throughout the world. In 2014, funds for disaster relief helped the people of lower Puna who suffered damages from Tropical Storm Iselle and again in 2018 funds for disaster relief helped the people of lower Puna who suffered damages and hardship caused by the lava flow. Please consider making a donation to the Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF). A donation to LCIF in any amount is greatly appreciated.



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## 2. Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF)

The Hawaii Lions Foundation (HLF) is similar to the LCIF except that the funds stay in Hawaii to help with humanitarian causes. The HLF is also the financial arm of the Hawaii Lions Eye Bank. The Sullivan Foundation (owner of Sack & Save and Foodland markets) are partners with the HLF and they were nice enough to match any donation up to \$249.00 to any donor who made a donation to the HLF during the month of September. I hope that you made a donation to HLF during the month of September, because that would have doubled your donation for HLF. If you did not make a donation in September, HLF still accepts donations of any amount. Again, Please consider making a donation of any amount to HLF. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

## November Meetings and Projects

- Nov 1 - Packing of food items at The Food Basket 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon
- Nov 2 - Packing of food items at The Food Basket 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon
- Nov 3 - Construct form and set rebars and wire mesh. Check with Lion Wayne  
(call 808-960-1171) on time and place
- Nov 4 - Pour concrete Check with Lion Wayne (call 808-960-1171) on time and place
- Nov 4 - Zone meeting
- Nov 6 - Hearing Screening at Kalanianaʻole School 8:30 AM
- Nov 8 - Deadline to sign up for Hilo Lions Club fund fest
- Nov 13 - Hearing Screening at Kapiolani Elem. School 8:30 AM and at St. Joseph following
- Nov 14 - BOD 6:00 PM and GMM 6:30 PM in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking
- Nov 16 - Hilo Christmas Lights Parade final planning meeting in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking 5:30 PM
- Nov 18 - Legacy Project at Liliuokalani Garden 8:00 AM
- Nov 18 - D-50 Statewide food collection at Safeway
- Nov 18 - Hilo Lions Club fund fest at Hilo Daijingu 5:30 PM \$25.00 per person
- Nov 19 - Unload Christmas Trees at YMCA Check with Lion Wayne (call 808-960-1171) for time
- Nov 24 - Help Leos construct float for Christmas Parade in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking 4:00 PM till pau
- Nov 25 - Hilo Christmas Lights Parade HELP is needed from 2:00 PM
- Nov 28 - Hearing Screening at Keonepoko Elem. School 8:30 AM and at Pahoehoe following

## December Meetings and Projects

- 1 Hearing Screening at Mt. View Elem. School 8:30 AM
- 1 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at KTA Puainako 10:00 to 12:00, 12:00 to 2:00, 2:00 to 4:00 and 4:00 to 6:00





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- 2 Salvation Army Bell Ringing at KTA Puainako 10:00 to 12:00, 12:00 to 2:00, 2:00 to 4:00 and 4:00 to 6:00
- 6 Packing food items at The Food Basket 9:00 to 12:00
- 7 Packing food items at The Food Basket 9:00 to 12:00
- 10 Keiki Christmas drive through at Big Island Toyota 10:00 to 2:00
- 12 BOD and GMM in the breezeway at Kuwaye Trucking BOD 5:30 and GMM 6:30

## November Lions Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

Ken Uemura	11/14
Nick Alamia	11/21



### Club Anniversaries

Cyrus Wilson	2004
Ken Rosene	2005
Mikki Kameda	2009
Kelton Chang	2016
Davis Cross	2021

## Bulletin Deadline for the December 2023 Issue is November 29

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