

2019-2021 HGEA Retiree Unit State Board and Chapter Directors elections

Each odd number year, the HGEA Retiree Unit holds their chapter officers and directors election specific to each island chapter bylaws. **This year, the election will be conducted during the chapter general membership meetings that are scheduled for March 18 on Kauai at the HGEA office, March 19 on Maui at the UPW hall, March 20 at the Hilo office and on March 21 at the Honolulu HGEA office.** The officer positions include President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The number of chapter and state directors to be elected vary and are based on the chapter bylaws. The board term will begin on July 1, 2019 and end on June 30, 2021. Candidates must be a current HGEA Retiree member in good standing and be willing to serve as a committee chair.

Here are the current board rosters for each island chapter:

Kauai

Timothy Albao, President
 Greg Enos, Vice President
 Delores Kaauwai, Secretary
 Asako Iwamoto, Treasurer
 Directors: Ethel Kauahi, Elizabeth Ludington, Roy Nishida, and Tommy Oi.

Oahu

Ava Kridler, President
 Audrey Aki, Vice President
 Susan Morishige, Secretary
 John Wadahara, Treasurer
 Directors: Yolanda Faria, Edwina Luke, and Betty Nishida. State Directors are Paul Matsuo, Susan Goya, Muriel Masumura Glenn Park, Arlene Shimokawa, and Ethel Shintaku.

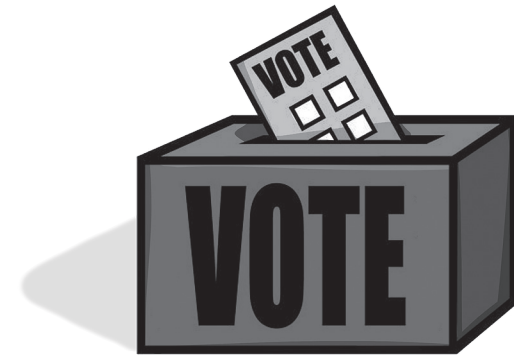
Maui

Steve Criss, President
 Molly Imoto, Vice President
 Naomi Matsuura, Secretary
 Jerold Hayashida, Treasurer.
 Director is currently vacant.

Hawaii

Thomas Kiyojima, President
 Olga Hayashida, Vice President
 Evelyn Togashi, Secretary
 Victoria Calica, Treasurer
 Directors Linda Matsushita, Aileen Obina and Ruth Walker.

Please contact Tammy by March 11, 2019 at the Retirees Unit on Oahu at **543-0054** or via email at **ttanouye@hgea.org** if you are interested in running for the chapter or state board of directors. Neighbor island offices can assist you by getting your information to Tammy for a call back if you are unable to call or email her directly.



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Maui Chapter members join Island Art Party for a fun afternoon of painting.
 Front row: Katsuko Enoki, Molly Imoto, Stella Goto, Steve Criss; Back row: Liz Seely, Margaret Honda, Gigi Olsten, Naomi Matsuura, Diana Drake, Sue Moorcroft, Leticia Hedani; Missing: Sohny Strong

WORDFIND

who's your favorite president?

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| Adams | Harding | Pierce |
| Arthur | Harrison | Polk |
| Buchanan | Hayes | Reagan |
| Bush | Hoover | Roosevelt |
| Carter | Jackson | Taft |
| Cleveland | Jefferson | Taylor |
| Clinton | Johnson | Truman |
| Coolidge | Kennedy | Tyler |
| Eisenhower | Lincoln | Van Buren |
| Fillmore | Madison | Washington |
| Ford | Monroe | Wilson |
| Garfield | Nixon | |
| Grant | Obama | |

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A MESSAGE FROM RETIREES UNIT ADMINISTRATOR



Happy 2019, I hope your holidays were merry and bright. As we begin the year, let us take a moment to honor our brothers and sisters that passed and to reflect on the many blessings of our lives. From beautiful sunrises and the joy of our families to finding that parking space at the grocery store, there are many things to be thankful for. I am truly grateful for allowing me to work with your state and

chapter boards and look for new endeavors to pursue to bring learning opportunities to all of you.

As you read this issue, the Hawaii State Legislature will already have convened. I am hopeful that there will be no take-aways from any of your benefits, and that we can look at ways to improve on existing benefits. Of course the economy and the challenges of a Trump White House looms as a dark cloud above us, but with a democratic congress, and a democrat legislature on our home front, we remain hopeful. The active units are all in negotiations and have filed for impasse to maintain the timeline. AFSCME has again provided their assistance in the process and attorney Alan Davis has already been working at the HGEA office.

The 23rd HGEA Retiree convention will be held in June, 2019 on Oahu at the Airport meeting rooms. Oahu Chapter President Ava Kridler will be the Mistress of Ceremony, with President Ruth Walker chairing the convention. While we are in the early planning stages of the convention, there are some deadlines that require immediate notification. As you know, the biennial assembly gives your statewide leaders the opportunity to discuss issues facing our union and make changes to the charter and bylaws as well as elect the officers for the next two-year term. Delegates are selected based on each chapter bylaw requirements. You may submit charter and bylaw resolution changes to any HGEA office by February 27, 2019 in order to be considered by the Charter and Bylaw Committee chaired by Susan Goya. You may submit non-charter and bylaw resolutions by March 29, 2019 to be considered by the committee. Your recommendations should include the article number and section to be changed and submitted in ramseyer form with brackets to remove language and underscored to add new language.

Attorney James Koshiba has advised the union on bylaw changes for decades has reminded other bylaw committees that bylaws should remain general to be inclusive and not be specific towards groups or scenarios which could make them become restrictive and exclusive.

Again I invite all of you to contact me and let me know if there are activities that interest you, or if you are willing to provide a teaching experience for other retirees to learn a new skill or interests. Crochet, bingo, hanafuda, mah jong, movie day and line dancing are all activities that volunteers have agreed to teach on Oahu, are there any volunteers on neighbor islands? Are there any HGEA retirees on Lanai or Molokai willing to start a meeting group for other retirees, please contact me at 543-0090.

I look forward to meeting the challenges of 2019 and I hope I can count on you to participate in the process. I hope you will join our staff and board of directors in becoming an MVP PEOPLE member or increase your monthly contribution if you already are an MVP. Thank you for your continued commitment to HGEA.

In Solidarity,

Mahie

CHAPTER NEWS

OAHU

February 4, 2019: Bingo, HGEA hall at 9:30 a.m.

February 6, 2019: Movie Day, HGEA hall, 9:00 a.m.

February 8, 2019: Hanafuda, HGEA hall, 9:00 a.m.

February 12 & 26, 2019: Basic Mah Jong, HGEA hall, 9:00 a.m.

February 13 & 27, 2019: Line Dance, HGEA hall, 9:00 a.m.

February 28, 2019: Crochet, HGEA hall, 9:00 a.m.

March 4, 2019: Bingo, HGEA hall at 9:30 a.m.

March 8, 2019: Hanafuda, HGEA hall at 9:00 a.m.

March 12, 2019: Basic Mah Jong, HGEA hall, 9:00 a.m.

March 13 & 27, 2019: Line Dance, HGEA hall, 9:00 a.m.

March 21, 2019: General Membership meeting, HGEA hall at 9:00 a.m.

March 28, 2019: Crochet, HGEA hall at 9:00 a.m.

April 17, 2019: Movie Day, HGEA hall at 9:00 a.m.

BIG ISLAND

March 20, 2019: General Membership Meeting, election of officer's, two chapter directors and two state directors for 2019-2021 term. If interested, please submit your name to Lillie Tsuchiya, Nominations Chair, by calling her at 935-2266 by March 19, 2019.

March 30, 2019: American Heart Walk, contact Elsie Iida, Community Action Chair at 959-6794.



MAUI

Please RSVP by the day before unless otherwise specified.

February 20, 2019: Movie Day, HGEA office at 9:30 a.m. Showing Crazy Rich Asians and Wasabi.

March 19, 2019: General Membership meeting, UPW hall at 9:00 a.m. Elections of officers and directors.

April 1, 2019: Bingo HGEA 5:00 p.m.

April 14, 2019: Sunday brunch at Kaanapali Beach Hotel, 10:00 a.m. \$44 includes bus transportation. Please RSVP to the HGEA office no later than March 29, 2019.

KAUAI

February 25, 2019: Movie Day, HGEA office at 9:30 a.m.

March 11, 2019: Chapter Executive board meeting at 10:00 a.m.

March 18, 2019: General Membership meeting, election of chapter officers and directors also selections for the 2019 convention.

April, 2019: Looking for suggestions for an excursion/speaker for this month. Please call Tim Albao at 652-7571 or 822-5685.

Mahalo, retirees!

BIG MAHALO to the Big Island Salvation Army bell ringing and Christmas caroling group who raised a total of \$1,192.80 from the December 1 Keauhou KTA and East Hawaii Macy's and December 9 Waikoloa locations. This was their seventh year participating with the Salvation Army according to chapter President Thomas Kiyojima. Members have fun and help a good cause at the same time.

Walker Writes

Happy New Year to all and welcome to the year of the Boar.

Those born in the years 1923, 1935, 1947, and 1959 among other boar years are credited as having tremendous fortitude and great honesty, according to the Japanese fortune calendar. Boar year people don't make many friends but they make friends for life, they have great thirst for knowledge, they are affectionate and kind to their loved ones.

For the rest of us who are non-boar year people, 2019 will be auspicious because the boar attracts success in all spheres of life. The year will be full of joy, a year of friendship and love for all the other zodiac signs. The Chinese zodiac forecasts 2019 as a year of fortune and luck.

I looked forward to 2019 because of the hectic weeks that concluded 2018. Yes, we enjoyed our families and friends during the holidays with shopping, feasting and overindulgence but I was tired of cooking so I told myself no more cooking and eating, I am going to eat only "chazuke" (rice with tea and pickles) and lounge around the TV.

However, my will power broke down when my son took me to the Hawaiian Style Café for brunch right after New Year's day and I ordered the breakfast loco that looks really "ono" on the videoscreen. This plate must contain over two cups of rice covered with furikake decked with eggs, spam, portuguese sausage, kalua hash, hamburger, kamabuko and takuwan. Of course I couldn't eat even half of it so I brought it home and my younger son finished it for lunch.

If ever you are in Hilo, stop at the Hawaiian Style Café and order the breakfast loco for the thrill of the experience.

Again, I extend a happy New Year to all of you and to your families; may you be successful in your endeavors and revel in the good fortune as predicted for this 2019 Boar Year.

p.s. I have been hearing from retirees who are willing to write articles for the Ho'olaha. I encourage you to do so because we want to hear about what members are doing. Please submit your articles to Mahie Trask or to Tammy Tanouye. Thank you. We will all enjoy reading them.