

# CHAPTER NEWS:

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ISLAND DIVISION OFFICE TO RSVP AND MAKE SURE ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT BEEN CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED.

## HAWAII CHAPTER:

- September 6: BJ's Kanikapila Wednesday. 10:15-11:30 a.m. at the HGEA office. Please bring your own ukulele or instrument. Kanikapila Wednesday will also be held on October 4, November 1 and December 6.
- September 20: General Membership Meeting at 9 a.m.
- September 23: Walk to End Alzheimer's. Donate to the "HGEA All Units" team online at alz.org/HawaiiWalk or drop a check off at the HGEA office.

## KAUAI CHAPTER:

- September 14: Executive Board Meeting at 10 a.m.
- September 18: General Membership Meeting at 10 a.m.
- October 16: Movie Day at 10 a.m.
- December 4: Christmas Party at 10 a.m.

## MAUI CHAPTER:

- September 19: General Membership Meeting at 9:30 a.m. in UPW Hall. RSVP by September 8 to the Maui Office: 808-244-5508 or Steve Criss: 808-280-1526 or stpls69@yahoo.com
- September 29: Movie Day at 9:30 a.m. in HGEA meeting room
- November 14: Hanafuda at 5 p.m.
- November 21: Movie Day at 9:30 a.m.
- December 7: Christmas Party

## OAHU CHAPTER:

All activities begin at 9 a.m.

- September 5 & 19: Tai Chi
- September 8: Bingo
- September 12 & 26: Mahjong
- September 13 & 27: Line Dance
- September 21: General Membership Meeting
- September 6, 20 & 28: Crafts

- October 3, 17 & 31: Tai Chi
- October 10 & 24: Mahjong
- October 11 & 25: Line Dancing
- October 18 & 26: Crafts



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Retirees joined forces with Hawaii Island Division units to fundraise at Relay for Life.

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## Around the House

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|-----------|-----------|
| Attic     | Furniture |
| Basement  | Kitchen   |
| Bathroom  | Lamp      |
| Bedroom   | Mirror    |
| Chair     | Oven      |
| Chimney   | Parlor    |
| Clothes   | Photos    |
| Cupboard  | Plants    |
| Curtains  | Shower    |
| Door      | Sofa      |
| Driveway  | Table     |
| Dryer     | Washer    |
| Fireplace | Window    |
| Fridge    |           |

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 C L A A G T R F O A S Y Q Y D H S T  
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# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



**Aloha** and greetings as we welcome your new board of directors who will serve until 2025. We completed the chapter board orientations in July and the new directors will begin to work on their schedule of events.

Events help retirees form connections and remain active. We encourage you to reach out to your chapters to suggest activities or to assist with coordination. Additionally, please invite a potential member to attend an activity with you.

Any former HGEA member is eligible to become a Retirees Unit member. The new board is prioritizing recruitment so that we can continue to offer a robust selection of events.

An overall priority of HGEA is political action. Next year is the start of another election cycle and we will be calling upon retirees to assist with sign waving, preparing canvassing material and more.

Another way you can support political action is by contributing to the AFSCME Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality program. The funds raised through PEOPLE helps level the playing field against anti-union campaign financiers. For more information on how to join or increase your contribution, contact your island division office.

The first quarter of general membership meetings will begin in September. Kaiser and HMSA representatives will be available to answer questions from members. I hope you will attend your chapter's GMM. Please check the schedule on the next page for more information and featured speakers.

We were lucky that Hurricane Calvin weakened and skirted around the islands. As the first storm in our region, Calvin serves as a reminder to prepare for hurricane season. The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency recommends preparing a 14-day supply of food, water and medication. If you think you will need extra assistance during an emergency, you should work out an emergency plan with friends or family.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, ideas or just to talk story.

In solidarity,

*Mahie*

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

### HAWAII CHAPTER

Hawaii Island Division Office, 495 Manono Street  
September 20 at 9 a.m.

Featured Speaker: Pastor Tim

Attendees are in for a treat (or trick) with Pastor Tim!  
He will share local spooky stories to get us in the mood for Halloween.

### KAUAI CHAPTER

Kauai Island Division Office, 3213 Akahi Street  
September 18 at 10 a.m.

### MAUI CHAPTER

UPW Hall, 841 Kolu Street  
September 19 at 9:30 a.m.

\*You must RSVP by September 8 to attend this event.

Contact the Maui Office at 808-244-5508 or Steve Criss at 808-280-1526 or stplsd69@yahoo.com

### OAHU CHAPTER

Oahu Division Office, 888 Mililani Street  
September 21 at 9 a.m.

Featured Speaker: Rosalynn Bee

Get the latest information on real estate property exemptions from Rosalynn Bee,  
Real Property Technical Officer with the City and County of Honolulu.

## STAY ACTIVE WITH YOUR FELLOW RETIREES

The Retirees Unit hosts a variety of activities throughout the year such as preparing ti leaf lei for Veterans Day. Check the chapter news section for more events near you. We hope to see you there!



## ELF'S CORNER BY PRESIDENT ETHEL L. FLEMING

In June we held the 25th Biennial Assembly Convention. Mahalo to the Hawaii chapter for partnering with us to host.

We had a total of 81 delegate attendees made up of chapter officers and directors as well as dedicated members who are heavily involved in chapter functions.

Hawaii Chapter President Evelyn Togashi opened by greeting attendees and recognizing committee members. We were pleased to have featured speakers Mayor Mitch Roth, HGEA

Executive Director Randy Perreira and Dr. Kimo Alameda.

The program included chapter reports, general resolutions, presentations on how to stay healthy and recognition for member service. We also enjoyed excursions and experiences such as visiting the Bayfront Farmers Market, Bingo night and a walk through the Liliuokalani Gardens.

As with every convention, the election of the officers for the 2023-2025 term was the main item of business. When there is only one candidate for a position, they are automatically elected. Three candidates ran unopposed and were confirmed for the following positions:

President: Ethel Fleming  
Secretary: Steven Criss  
Treasurer: Timothy Albao

There were two candidates for Vice President: Ava Kridler and Greg Peterson. They each gave a short speech before voting commenced. Kridler received 46 votes to Peterson's 33 and was elected as Vice President.

I am honored to serve another term as your president and look forward to what I can achieve with my fellow directors.

Please support the new state and chapter board members who dedicate their time and energy for the betterment of the Retirees Unit. Without them, we would not be able to provide the activities that help members stay healthy and happy.

I encourage you to work alongside your new officers to continue to expand our activities. Now that the threat of the pandemic has reduced, we'll be happy to see you all at in-person events.

Even though we publish a list of chapter activities in each issue, dates and times are subject to change. I recommend contacting your chapters to confirm activity times.

You can also subscribe to the general HGEA email newsletter called "eBlast" to get the latest information on union issues and other general activities happening on your island. To subscribe, go to [hgea.org/eblast](http://hgea.org/eblast) or contact your island office.

Mahalo for being part of our union even in retirement and staying union strong!