

## AFSCME'S PEOPLE

### Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality

Please consider being a PEOPLE MVP. By law, many of our organization's legislative and political activities cannot be covered by ordinary dues dollars. We are required to have a special fund of voluntary contributions. That's where you come in. As an HGEA retiree member, you are entitled to make a voluntary contribution to AFSCME's PEOPLE fund. By making a small contribution to AFSCME PEOPLE each month, you can help elect senators and representatives who care about your needs and will pay attention to what we have to say. In Hawaii, members of HGEA can make contributions to PEOPLE that are deducted directly from pension checks. We welcome any amount that you can afford, but we urge you to consider the Retiree MVP at \$8.40 a month. Every dollar you contribute to PEOPLE gives us a better chance to succeed. We need your support now more than ever. Mahalo.



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# Mele Kalikimaka!

**OAHU + 12.13.18**

JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII  
MANOA GRAND BALLROOM  
10:30AM — 1:00PM

DOORS OPEN 10:00AM | VENDORS AT 9:00AM

All seats will be assigned. Tables seat 8 guests. Please mail in group seating together. Otherwise seats will be assigned accordingly. No refunds after Friday, November 16, 2018. Banquet parking in the structure is available, \$6 fee with validation. In lieu of a gift exchange, please bring a canned good donation for AUW.

**MAUI CHAPTER + 12.7.18**

UPW MEETING HALL  
841 KOLU STREET | WAILUKU, 96739  
10:00AM

Any unwrapped gifts you can donate for BINGO or door prizes would be greatly appreciated!

#### OAHU CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: Y or N Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: Y or N Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Retiree Unit Members: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed reservation form with payment by **Friday, November 16, 2018** to HGEA Retirees Unit, 888 Mililani Street, Suite 401, Honolulu, HI 96813.

#### MAUI CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maui Chapter Member: Y or N Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maui Chapter Member: Y or N Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Maui Retiree Unit Members: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed reservation form with payment by **Wednesday, November 7, 2018** to HGEA, 2145 Kaohu Street, Suite 206, Wailuku, HI 96793. No refunds after Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

## WORDFIND THE MAD HATTER

What is your hat type?

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| Bandana      | Hard hat   |
| Baseball cap | Helmet     |
| Bathing cap  | Lauhala    |
| Beanie       | Pillbox    |
| Beret        | Sailor     |
| Biker        | Shower cap |
| Bonnet       | Sombrero   |
| Bucket       | Stetson    |
| Cowboy       | Stocking   |
| Derby        | Straw      |
| Fedora       | Trucker    |
| Golf cap     | Top        |
|              | Visor      |

U C X S E J N G P Y P X E H S C B B T D  
M Y C B T O J B A A R B Z Q I A P O E E  
M W K V S O U C C H N P M G R I H N M R  
A E A T H C C R G S O M B R E R O N L B  
K L E F K H E K N Y O B W O C R B E E Y  
P T A E Y W C B I N Z Y A S D E T T H U  
S A T H O N R A H N F C T M K W X J I F  
S G C H U O N N T I G R O S I V O I S L  
V J S L L A G D A T A H D R A H B Y E G  
I A I I L T L A B W Z A T E E Y L L Z P  
Q X A F F A V N U J G O R D G J L N K Z  
U S I V F B B A B E R E T O B E I R E H  
A V T R U C K E R T U G L D D E P W L X  
G O M L Z R N H S L L F E Y D E V S L O  
B W S V F R S B V A C B G O D L F E X C  
Z N K J B Y G O E A B P I O K B U Z D K  
N T E J O F E K P A M N O K F Q D Y B A  
M K O H S D M M N V N I J T E S V Q S C  
R J Y K W Q B U V P S I H G V R Q R O P  
J P S R Z V E D I X F U E J V J N X L H



Hilo Retirees with U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono on March 26, 2018.  
Row 1 seated: Janet Fujimoto, Ruth Walker, Margaret Collins, Bertha Nagata;  
Row 2 standing: Ellen Kuwano, Lillie Tsuchiya; Row 3 standing: Evelyn Togashi, Taeko Kunimitsu, Adele Koyama, Carol Denis, Elsie Iida, Joanne Yokote

# HO'OLAHA

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# WALKER WRITES ...

Congratulations, Hawaii Retirees! From among 45 retirees chapters and subchapters, Hawaii Retirees Chapter Local 152 was honored at the July, 2018 AFSCME Convention in Boston for placing fourth in the amount of contributions made to PEOPLE. This recognition is significant because coming in first was CSEA Retirees chapter 1000, second was Illinois Retirees chapter 31, and third was DC 37 Retirees chapter — three chapters with substantially larger retiree members.

On Sunday and Monday, July 15 and 16, 200 retirees representing 45 states and Puerto Rico that formed the Retirees Council met and elected a new slate of officers, and listened to rousing orations from International President Lee Saunders and International Secretary Treasurer Elissa McBride.

President Saunders fired up the retirees group with his “Rise Up” rhetoric and by his dynamic remarks that convinced us that the union will continue stronger than ever. Saunders thundered, “The Janus decision is a roadblock, but we will maneuver around it or just run over it. AFSCME has been around for more than 80 years, and we will be here 80 years from now.” His moving remarks to honor Memphis sanitation workers who went on strike 50 years ago brought us face to face with history as two of those who participated in the strike were introduced. Mahie and I helped pack 5,000 backpacks for Boston’s underserved schools and donated our week of hotel toiletries to the residents of Rosie’s Place, the first women only shelter in the United States, established in 1974.

At the AFSCME convention, we witnessed more history when we learned about AFSCME leaders from the past. Past presidents honored and recognized were Arnold Zander, Jerry Wurf and Gerry McEntee, as was former secretary treasurer Bill Lucy. Tributes paid to them and to Paul Booth were moving. These earlier valiant union warriors fought against unfair patronage system; they supported equal pay, and opposed privatization that created the union that is highly regarded and respected today.



## 2018 AFSCME CONVENTION: RISE UP

Also during the week, another favorite, Senator from Massachusetts, Elizabeth Warren spoke dynamically and vigorously in support of the union. I attended political action workshops, voted for Secretary Treasurer Elissa McBride and acted on over 50 resolutions.

It was an exciting week, as I met friends, listened to exciting and fiery speakers and felt the emotional excitement of meeting in historic Boston.

Aloha and Mahalo to Mahie and Randy for assuring that Hawaii delegates were properly taken of. We couldn’t have asked for more.

Again, another mahalo nui loa to the Hawaii Retirees for being recognized and honored at the 2018 AFSCME Boston Convention for their contributions to PEOPLE, and for making additional contributions. As a reminder, please consider becoming a PEOPLE member if you are not already. For just \$8.40 a month or \$100 a year, you will be a PEOPLE MVP member and receive a really nice AFSCME green jacket as a thank you. Contact any HGEA office to sign up.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## BIG ISLAND

**November 11, 2018:** Veterans Day, West Hawaii Veterans Cemetery lei placement.

## KAUAI

**October 15, 2018:** Movie Day *Hidden Figures*, HGEA at 9:30 a.m.

**December 2018:** Christmas Celebration\*\*

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

**March 11, 2019:** Chapter Executive Board meeting

**March 18, 2019:** General Membership Meeting, HGEA 9:30 a.m. Election of chapter officers and directors. Please call Roy Nishida (635-6676) if you would like to serve. We will also be selecting our delegates to the convention.

\*\* Please call the HGEA office (245-6751) or Tim (822-5685) after October 25, 2018 for update.

## MAUI

**October 1, 2018:** Bingo, HGEA at 5:00 p.m.\*

**November 13, 2018:** Hanafuda, HGEA at 5:00 p.m.\*

**November 14, 2018:** Movie Day *Jumangi* and may have second movie. HGEA at 9:30 a.m.

**December 7, 2018:** Maui Chapter Christmas Celebration, UPW hall.

\* Please call HGEA office, 244-5508, to RSVP no later than one day before event.

## OAHU

**October 17, 2018:** Movie Day *War Horses*, HGEA at 9:00 a.m.

**October 25, 2018:** Crochet, HGEA at 9:00 a.m.

**December 13, 2018:** Christmas Celebration. See application on back page.

*Note: Kaiser, HMSA and EUTF will be attending all the General Membership meetings in September.*