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, 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 need your support now more than ever. Mahalo.

HGEA Retirees Unit, 888 Manoa Grand Ballroom
Suite 206, Wailuku, HI 96793

Please make checks payable to “AFSCME’S PEOPLE” and mail completed reservation form with payment by Wednesday, November 7, 2018. No refunds after Wednesday, November 7, 2018.

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**Mele Kalikimaka!**

**OAUH + 12.13.18**
JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAI’I
Manoa Grand Ballroom
10:00AM

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**MAUI CHAPTER + 12.7.18**
UPW MEETING HALL
841 Kolu Street | Wailuku, HI 96739
10:00AM

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**OAHU Christmas Party Registration Form**
Name: __________________________
Number of Guests: _______ x $30 each = $________
Number of Maui Retiree Unit Members: __________________________
Mailing address: ________________________________________________________
Maui Chapter Member: Y or N
Phone #: ________________________
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**MAUI CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM**
Name: __________________________
Number of Guests: _______ x $30 each = $________
Number of Members: _______
Phone #: ________________________
Making address: __________________________
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**WORD FIND THE MAD HATTER**

What is your hat type?

Bandana
Baseball cap
Bathing cap
Beanie
Beret
Biker
Blonnet
Bucket
Cowboy
Derby
Fedora
Golf cap

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**Mele Kalikimaka!**
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 1008, 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 go around it. We will dig in and fight and our unions will remain strong.”

At the AFSCME convention, we witnessed more history when we learned that 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.

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