**Hawaii Island Chapter**

**New Year’s Luncheon**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019**

**Nani Mau Gardens**

9:30AM - 1:30PM

Please bring a canned good donation for the Food Basket.

**Please make checks payable to “HGEA” and mail completed reservation form with payment by Wednesday, January 9, 2019 to HGEA, 495 Manono Street, Hilo, HI 96720.**

No refunds after January 9, 2019. Call Olga Hayashi at 961-3575 with questions.

**Registration Form**

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To speak to Tammy Gann at the HGEA Retirees office on Oahu call 543-0054 or email at tgann@hgea.org. For Mahie Trask, at this site amongst other information. Social Security information is available at www.ssa.gov. Your COLA, change of address or replacement Medicare cards can be found at the SSA letter or invoice to: EUTF, 20 Merchant Street, Suite 1700 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or fax a copy to (808) 586-2121.

EUTF Medicare Reminders

Are you Medicare eligible and covered under an EUTF retiree health plan? The Hawaii Revised Statutes 77A-23 requires that State and county retirees and their eligible dependents who are enrolled in EUTF retiree medical and/or prescription drug benefits plans, enroll in Medicare Part B when they become eligible.

All retirees (and spouses/partners) enrolled in Medicare Part B should submit a copy of their letter showing that they are covered under Medicare Part B to EUTF for review. EUTF will automatically recalculate your Medicare Part B premium reimbursement to the Medicare standard amount every January 1st. Please note that EUTF will not reimburses for any late enrollment penalties. Please mail a copy of the SSA letter or invoice to: EUTF, 201 Merchant Street, Suite 1700, Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 or fax a copy to (808) 586-2121.

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**WORDFIND NATIONAL DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS DAY**

**Bill of Rights**

Brasilakaiene

Christmas

Coca

Crossword Puzzle

Dewey Decimal System

Dine

Egggog

Flashlight

Gingerbread House

Human Rights

Maple Syrup

Nobel Prize

Outstanding Maudlin

Pearl Harbor

Pasty

Pledge of Allegiance

Proclamation

Rockets

Salesperson

Seal

Thank You

Underegg

Violin

Wright Brothers

Yule

“C S B R C N D E B V G G H K L L H H M M”

“R T H N F Q I L K L G F A O P Q D K E N H”

“O B O U C H E F W Y T E R D I Z E N N N U”

“S G E B I H O M F Y F V K T I R S J W Q S”


“O F P L E D G E O F A L L E G I A N C H”


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**American Heart Walk Hilo Bayfront March 10, 2018**

Retiree walkers: Elise Ida, Winton Toweata, Pearl Toweata, Lorraine Medeiros, Virgil Medeiros, Pauline Fukunaga, Ruth Walker, Charlene Sugihara, Carol Denis, Joanne Yokote

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What motivated Asako to return to school after having earned a Bachelor’s Degree? Asako wanted to work with clients and child welfare cases, individuals with handicaps, and situations that would require a Master’s Degree. “I wasn’t satisfied aiding clients with their welfare checks and dealing client work,” Asako explains.

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