The first work session on January 25 was spent sanding and priming the surfaces in preparation for painting. One of the assignments was to strip old carpets and install new carpets in the school library that improved and beautified the library so much so that principal Yonemori proudly invited us to “go visit our library.” HGEA Retirees for the first service day were Patricia Dunn, Axelia Espina, Olga Hayashi, Elsie Iida, Norma Silver, Pearl and Winston Towata, Joyce Yafuso, and Dwayne Yoshina.

Thanks to Kevin Higayama, HGEA staff member from Honolulu, who flew in early on February 2nd to assist in preparing for the day’s event. Thanks also to our own Bernice Goodness-Viveros, a supportive and hard-working Hawaii Island HGEA staff member.

The AFL-CIO “Labor of Love” service project is funded by grants and donations from unions and businesses and this project is rotated among the different islands annually. Schools are selected on the free school lunch count as well as other significant criteria.

Thanks to Hawaii Chapter Retirees Community Action co-chairs Elsie Iida and Carol Denis for their effort to recruit volunteers that resulted in a good turnout for this service project.

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A MESSAGE FROM RETIREE UNIT ADMINISTRATOR

The 2019 Hawaii State Legislature opened on January 16, 2019, the PACT and State Board of Directors sponsored the Legislative luncheon the following week, giving President Walker an opportunity to lunch with legislators to share our legislative priorities. I am happy to report there are no take-aways and pleased to report there are several bills from the Kupuna Caucus and other senior groups that support aging in place, assisting caregivers, financial planning and extending Hawaii family leave to include care of a grandchild. The State Board of Directors on March 7, 2019 also voted to endorse Tommy Waters in the Special Election for City Council District VI which includes Hawaii Kai, Kailua, Nu’uanu, Aina Haina, Waipahu, Waialae-Kahala, Valley, Wilhemia Rice, Kaimuki, Kapahulu, Diamond Head, Black Point and Waikiki. All members are encouraged to support endorsed candidate Tommy Waters but this can only happen if you return your mail-in ballots prior to April 13, or walk in to Honolulu Hale between April 1-12, 2019.

The 23rd HGEA Retiree Biennial Assembly will be held on June 28, 2019. As of the February 27, 2019 deadline, five amendments were received. The committee on charter, bylaws and resolutions will meet on March 22, to discuss and finalize the amendments. Chapter delegates to the Biennial Assembly are selected based on island chapter bylaw requirements. According to Article VIII - Biennial Assembly, Section 5, states that a ratio of one delegate for each fifty chapter members is how the number of chapter delegates are determined. Chapter presidents will inform delegates that have qualified to attend the Assembly.

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Thank you for your support of the Retirees Unit and the HGEA. A huge THANK YOU to those members who recently joined the MVP PEOPLE list. Your continued support of that program helps fight the battles of the Republican and Trump White House agenda.

Walker Writes

The power of the combined forces of the AFL-CIO unions, businesses, community, and family members resulted in an overwhelming experience during the second “Labor of Love” service project on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at Kapiolani Elementary School in Hilo. An awesome ‘ohana environment was created by the gathering of many different factions. Over 180 volunteers refreshed and beautified the Kapiolani School campus. HGEA retirees Carol Demi, Avelina Espina, Elise Iida, Clifton Ishiwada, Kaeli Inouye, Norma Silva, Linda Silva, Charlene Sugihara, Joyce Yafuso, and Ruth Walker painted, sanded, got paint on their shirts and hands and performed work that was physically demanding. The goal was to be beautiful and aid safety features to the campus that undoubtedly delighted the students when they returned to their refurbished school.

The painters and carpenters were the skilled professionals, we were the “gofers.” The more than ten new bulletin boards built and installed by the carpenters attractively dressed the hallways after being tacked with multicolored sheets and fancy trims by us. The rusty lockers sparkled with their ten new bulletin boards built and installed by the carpenters attractively dressed the hallways after being tacked with multicolored sheets and fancy trims by us. The rusty lockers sparkled with their new blue paint while the hallways were painted with their new brown paint rejuvenating the campus. After working all morning, everyone was looking forward to a good lunch. The HGEA retirees joined Executive Director Randy Perreira, Ann Ebueño and her daughter in serving lunch to the families, deserving volunteers.

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