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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, Avelina Espina, Olga Hayashi, Elsie Iida, Norma Silva, Pearl and Winston Towata, Joyce Yafuso, and Dwayne Yoshina.

Thanks to Kevin Hirayama, 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-Viveiros, 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.

p.s. Thanks to Elsie Iida for editing and thanks to Ann Ebesuno for providing information on the "Labor of Love Service Project."



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Retirees with HGEA-endorsed candidate for Council District 4 on Oahu, Tommy Waters. Left to right: Glenn Park, Velma Goo, Susan Goya, Madeline Neely, Claire Nakamura, Margaret Terakawa and Elaine Naylor.

Retirees help Council District 4 candidate Tommy Waters prepare materials. Back table: Joy Lewis, Ava Kridler, Sam Jacobs, Yolanda Faria, Sylvia Ching, Arlene Nagamine. Front table: Betty Nishida, Ned Matsuyama, Tommy Waters, Liz Morita, John Wadahara, Ann Matsuyama, Margaret Chow, Bea Tsuneyoshi, Jose Ramelb, Melvin Whang, Lorraine Tobin.



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| Babe | Mario | Serena |
| Billy Jean | Mariotta | Shaquille |
| Bird | Mary Lou | Sugar Ray |
| Emmitt | Martina | Tiger |
| Hank | Nadia | Venus |
| Jordan | Nancy | Wilt |
| Julius | Oksana | Yogi |
| Lebron | Peggy | |
| Kareem | Payton | |



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A MESSAGE FROM RETIREES UNIT ADMINISTRATOR

The 2019 Hawaii State Legislature opened on January 16, 2019, the PAC 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 IV which includes Hawaii Kai, Kuliouou, Niu Valley, Aina Haina, Wailupe, Waialae-Iki, Kalama Valley, Wilhemina Rise, 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 by April 13, or walk-in vote at 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.

We are planning another neighbor island day visit in October to Oahu. While we are still in the early planning stages, sites suggested are Bishop Museum, Pearl Harbor, and Queen Emma Summer Palace. Honouliuli is not available for big group visits at this time. More information will be provided in the Hoolaha. Please contact Tammy at 543-0054 or via email at ttanouye@hgea.org if you are interested in participating. Cost will include airfare, bus, admission fee (if any) and lunch.

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 level. Your continued support of that program helps fight the battles of the Republican and Trump White House agenda.

In Solidarity,

Mahie

CHAPTER NEWS

OAHU

April 9 & 23, 2019: Mah Jong Basics

April 10 & 24, 2019: Line Dancing

April 17, 2019: Movie Day, 9:00 a.m., HGEA

April 25, 2019: Crochet

April 26, & May 3, 2019: Hanafuda

May 6, 2019: Bingo

May 8 & 22, 2019: Line Dancing

May 14 & 28, 2019: Mah Jong Basics

May 23, 2019: Crochet

June 3, 2019: Bingo

June 4 & 25, 2019: Mah Jong Basics

June 12 & 26, 2019: Line Dancing

June 13, 2019: Chapter Board Meeting

June 18, 2019: General Membership Meeting

June 19, 2019: Hanafuda

June 27, 2019: Crochet

All Oahu events start at 9 a.m. unless noted differently.

KAUAI

May 6, 2019: Movie Day, HGEA, 9:30 a.m.

June 24, 2019: General Membership Meeting at 9:30 a.m. Legislative update.

July 8, 2019: Movie Day, HGEA office. 9:30 a.m.

MAUI

April 13, 2019: Hana Taro Fest

April 14, 2019: Sunday brunch at Kaanapali Beach Hotel

May 28, 2019: Hanafuda, HGEA office at 5:00 p.m. RSVP to the office by May 24, 2019

June 19, 2019: Movie Day, at the HGEA office at 9:30 a.m. Showing Aquaman and Oceans 8.

June 20, 2019: General Membership Meeting at 9:00 a.m., UPW hall.

BIG ISLAND

April 12, 2019: East Hawaii American Cancer Society Relay For Life

April 13, 2019: East Hawaii Special Olympics

April 2019: Waiakeawaena School May Day set up and clean up. Check with Elsie for date and time

May 4, 2019: West Hawaii picnic at Kona Imin Center, Holualoa, North Kona. \$5 per adults, \$2.00 child. Pay by April 26, 2019 at HGEA office.

May 12, 2019: AFL-CIO National Letter Carrier's Food Drive

June 19, 2019: General Membership meeting, 9:00 a.m., HGEA office.

Walker Writes

AFL-CIO "Labor of Love" Community Action Project

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 Denis, Avelina Espina, Elsie Iida, Clifton Iwamoto, Iwalani Kaheiki, 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 beautify and add 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 new blue paint while the railings and lanai with their new brown paint rejuvenated the buildings.

After working all morning, everyone was looking forward to a good lunch. The HGEA retirees joined Executive Director Randy Perreira, Ann Ebesuno and her daughter in serving lunch to the famished, deserving volunteers.



Olga Hayashi, Avelina Espina, Elsie Iida, Joyce Yafuso, Pearl Towata, and Norma Silva getting ready to serve lunch.

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