

Meet Makawao's Herbert Gomes

by Katsuko Enoki



Herbert, one of 13 children (all born at home except for the youngest) was born on December 28, 1934 in Kona. As a child he lived in a home with no running water (had water tank), no electricity (had wood stove), and a charcoal stove was used to iron clothes. How many of us can identify with these experiences! At age 6 years old, he attended Honokaa School in addition to his chores of feeding cows, pigs, chickens, ducks, and rabbits! His father owned 2 mules and one horse. Herbert was 10 years old when his dad died at 50 years. His oldest brother quit school and worked to support the family (no food stamps program then). At age 15 years, Herbert worked at Honokaa Plantation for 40 cents an hour and picked macadamia nuts for one cent a pound. At 16 years old (10th grade) Herb left school to work for a construction company installing a pipeline from Ahaloalo to Honokaa. He joined the Army from 1954 to 1956, earned a certificate for attending Hilo Tech cooking school for 2 years. He worked at Kona Palms Hotel, Johnson Island as a cook for 8 months, and Kwajalian as a plumber for a year. In 1960, he returned to Maui, and got married in 1961.

Herb worked at Maui Palms as a cook and Sheraton Hotel for 5 years. His last employment was with the County of Maui as a plumber inspector for 21 years before his retirement at age 62 years.

In his retirement, Herbert enjoys going to the beach, working on cars, gardening, traveling to Las Vegas and Washington State to visit grandchildren.

Herbert's wife Judy, is also retired from working at a coral factory and Marmac but helps her brother Stephen who owns a glass company (Arrow Glass & Mirrors). Judy and Herbert have two daughters who are both married, 3 grandchildren (soon to be 4 in June), and 4 great grandchildren! Congratulations to Herbert and Judy for their 58 years of a wonderful marriage!



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Retirees Joyce Yafuso, Avelina Espina and Norma Silva marched in the Alheimers Unit of the Merrie Monarch Festival Parade on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

WORDFIND words that end in the "ade" sound

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| Accolade | Fade | Persuade |
| Afraid | Grade | Prayed |
| Arcade | Invade | Raid |
| Barricade | Jade | Renegade |
| Cascade | Laid | Serenade |
| Charade | Made | Shade |
| Crusade | Maid | Strayed |
| Escapade | Paid | Trade |
| Evade | Parade | Wade |

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



Remember when we couldn't wait for school to let out and common mango season was in full bloom? June is here, graduates are donning their caps and gowns and mango blossoms are abundant. Can't wait for some ono pickle mango and home made mango seed, yummy!

Thank you HGEA Oahu Retirees for your commitment to HGEA endorsed candidate Tommy Waters in his election to Council District 4. Retiree members spent many hours phone banking, preparing campaign materials, sign waving and going door-to-door which led to a successful election night. Tommy is very humbled by your participation and said "mahalo HGEA retirees for joining me in the campaign, I really appreciate your help."

The legislature will have adjourned by the time you receive this issue. Our bills have unanimously passed Final Reading in both the House and the Senate and will be enrolled to the Governor. As you know, he can do one of the following three options: sign the bill into law; allow the bill to become law without his signature; and lastly he can veto the bill. Legislative Officer Michele Kurihara-Klein noted "it's been a long Session for many, but our organization was successful in ensuring the passage of key bills."

Your board of directors will be ending their two-year term at the end of June and 130 delegates have been invited to participate in the HGEA Retirees Unit 23rd Biennial Assembly. The Rise Up theme will hopefully lead to inspiring speeches and conversation and get the delegates ready to spread our union message to family and friends. The Charter, Bylaws and Resolutions committee reviewed three Bylaw amendments that will be presented to the delegates for discussion and action and six general congratulatory resolutions honoring our outgoing and incoming board officers and directors. Oahu Chapter President Ava Kridler and her volunteers have worked hard and will be finalizing details right up to the June 28th assembly date. Besides the resolutions, the delegates will be electing your State Board Officers for the 2019-2021 term. I look forward to a successful assembly.

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Bishop Museum on Oahu seems to be the popular pick for a day trip later this year but with several requests from neighbor island members, we have put a "Phantom of the Opera" trip together. The Broadway performance will be on Saturday, August 24, 2019, the 2:00 p.m. matinee showing. The price will include your airfare, performance ticket and bus from the Daniel K. Inouye terminal to the Blaisdell concert hall and back to the airport. A lunch stop at the HGEA office first before heading to the performance will be included. The prices vary due to the difference in airline costs by island. The Big Island cost is \$332.98; Kauai is \$297.96 and the Maui cost is \$260.76. Because the airline costs fluctuate and the performance tickets sell daily, please contact Tammy immediately if you are sure of your participation. The group ticket price requires at least 10 people so we will purchase blocks of 10 with your confirmations. More details will be available when you call Tammy at 543-0054. Deadline to participate will be June 7, 2019.

Mahalo to our current State and Chapter officers and directors for your commitment to our Retirees Unit. I look forward to working with our new state and chapter board members. Join me in calling on all HGEA Retirees to Rise Up and join your island chapters, become an active participant, and together we will build a stronger HGEA Retirees Unit.

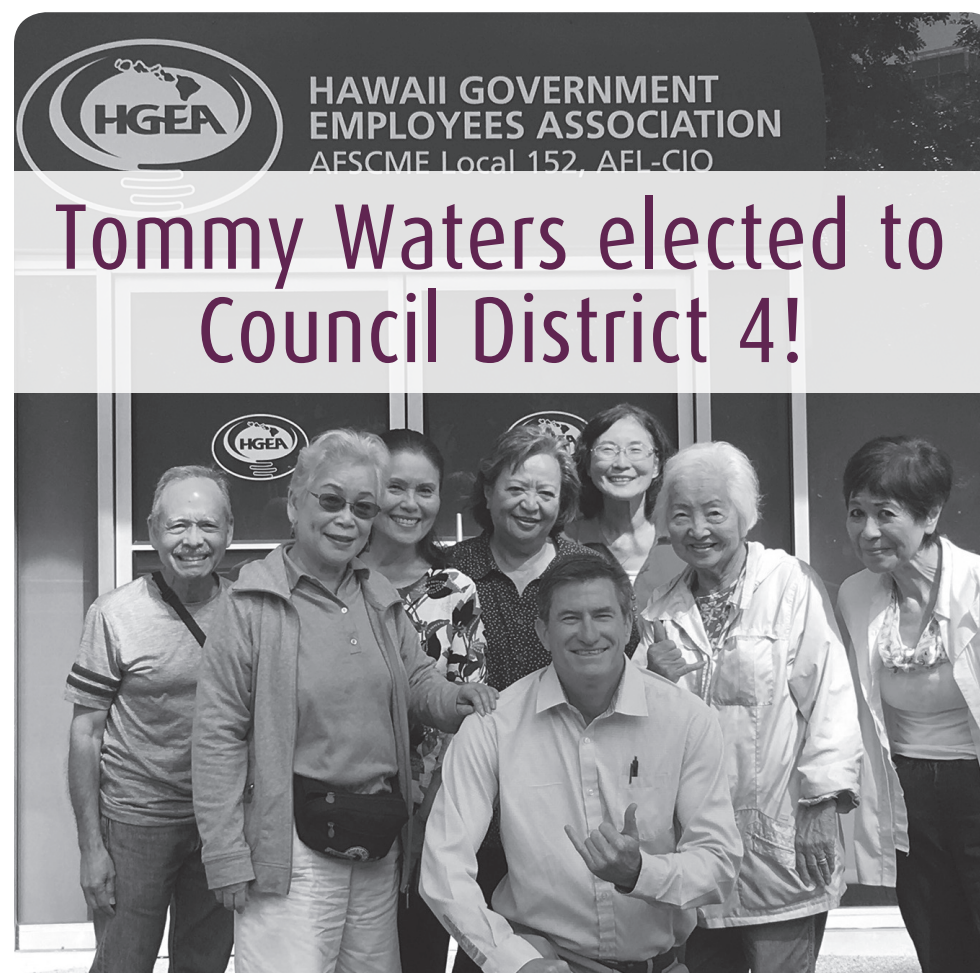
In Solidarity,

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Mahalo!

"HGEA retirees were the difference makers."

Thank you to everyone who came out to support Tommy Waters in the special election for Honolulu City Council District 4. Between canvassing on weekends, phone banking at night or signwaving before work, HGEA members and their families made the time to help out and it made a difference. We couldn't have done it without you!



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Tommy Waters elected to Council District 4!

CHAPTER NEWS

OAHU

June 3, 2019: Bingo

June 4 & 25, 2019: Basic Mah Jong

June 12 & 26, 2019: Line Dancing

June 13, 2019: Chapter Board meeting

June 18, 2019: General Membership meeting
NEW REVISED DATE

June 19, 2019: Hanafuda

June 28, 2019: Retiree Biennial Assembly

July 1, 2019: Bingo

July 5 & 19, 2019: Hanafuda

July 9 & 23, 2019: Intermediate Mah Jong

July 10 & 24, 2019: Line Dancing

July 17, 2019: Movie Day

July 25, 2019: Crochet

August 5, 2019: Bingo

August 9 & 23, 2019: Hanafuda

August 13 & 27, 2019: Intermediate Mah Jong

August 14 & 28, 2019: Line Dancing

August 22, 2019: Crochet

KAUAI

June 24, 2019: General Membership meeting 9:30 a.m. Legislative update with our legislators.

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

September 16, 2019: General Membership meeting 9:30 a.m. with EUTF, HMSA and Kaiser.

MAUI

June 20, 2019: General Membership meeting & Biennial Assembly meeting. UPW, 9:00 a.m.

August 13, 2019: Hanafuda at HGEA, 5:00 p.m.

August 21, 2019: Movie Day, HGEA. 9:30 a.m. Feature movies are Frequency & One Fine Day.

September 17, 2019: General Membership meeting at UPW Hall at 9:00 a.m.

October 7, 2019: Bingo at HGEA at 5:00 p.m.

Please call the HGEA office at 244-5508 to RSVP no later than one day before the event.

BIG ISLAND

June 1, 2019: East/West Hawaii Malama Mauna Kea 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

June 14, 2019: East Hawaii American Cancer Society, Relay For Life fundraiser pickup 4:00 -6:00 p.m.

June 20, 2019: General Membership meeting at 9:00 a.m. HGEA office.

July 19-20, 2019: East Hawaii American Cancer Society, Relay For Life, Wong Stadium set up 5:00 p.m., clean-up at midnight.