

Day Trip to the BISHOP MUSEUM

A day trip to the Bishop Museum is tentatively being scheduled for Wednesday, October 30, 2019. Spend the day with fellow HGEA Retirees exploring the many exhibits and learning about our island home.

Please call Tammy at 543-0054 by October 11, 2019 to be included in the group travel.



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Mele Kalikimaka!

OAHU 12.19.19
JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER OF HAWAII
MANOA GRAND BALLROOM
9:30AM – 2:00PM

MAUI CHAPTER 12.10.19
TANTE'S ISLAND CUISINE
100 W. KAAHUMANU AVENUE
KAHULUI HI, 96732
10:00AM

All seats will be assigned. Tables seat 8 guests. Please mail in group seating together. Otherwise seats will be assigned accordingly. No refunds after Friday, November 8, 2019. Banquet parking in the structure is available, \$8 fee with validation. In lieu of a gift exchange, please bring a canned good donation for AWW.

Registration and payment due by 10/31/2019 (no refunds after 10/31/2019)
Canned good donation (optional) for the Maui Food Bank will be appreciated.

OAHU CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Member: Y or N Phone #: _____
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Mailing address: _____
Number of Retiree Unit Members: _____ x \$30 each = \$ _____
Number of Guests: _____ x \$35 each = \$ _____
Total = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed reservation form with payment by Friday, November 8, 2019 to HGEA Retirees Unit, 888 Mililani Street, Suite 401, Honolulu, HI 96813.

MAUI CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY REGISTRATION FORM

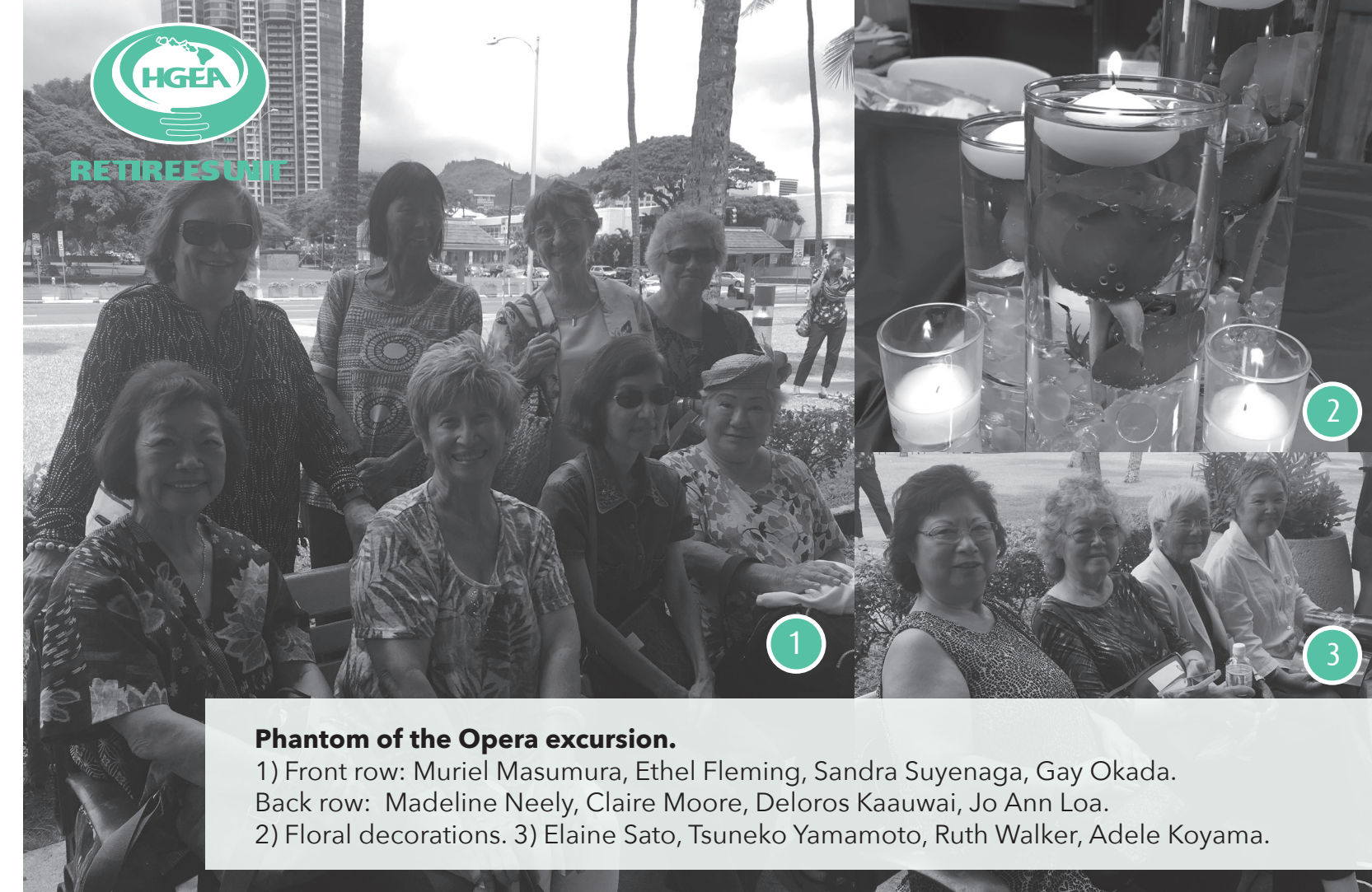
Name: _____
Maui Chapter Member: Y or N Phone #: _____
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Number of Maui Retiree Unit Members: _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____
Number of Guests: _____ x \$30 each = \$ _____
Total = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed reservation form with payment by Thursday, October 31, 2019 to HGEA, 2145 Kaohu Street, Suite 206, Wailuku, HI 96793. No refunds after Thursday, October 31, 2019.

WORD FIND one-word movie titles

- Airplane
 - Alien
 - Aladdin
 - Armageddon
 - Bambi
 - Braveheart
 - Cars
 - Cinderella
 - Evita
 - Dracula
 - Dumbo
 - Grease
 - Ghost
- Halloween
 - Jaws
 - Juno
 - Mulan
 - Pinocchio
 - Rocky
 - Tarzan
 - Titanic
 - Transformers
 - Tootsie
 - Twilight
 - Wicked

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



Phantom of the Opera excursion.
1) Front row: Muriel Masumura, Ethel Fleming, Sandra Suyenaga, Gay Okada.
Back row: Madeline Neely, Claire Moore, Deloros Kaauwai, Jo Ann Loa.
2) Floral decorations. 3) Elaine Sato, Tsuneko Yamamoto, Ruth Walker, Adele Koyama.

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A Message from your Administrator



Aloha and congratulations to our new state board members as they begin their 2019-2021 board term of office. As you may already know, the active membership recently completed their run off election process with Jon Gaspar elected President, and Helen Hamada elected Oahu-At-Large Director.

President Walker and I attended the AFSCME Retiree Council meeting in July with over 70 affiliates in attendance. We were encouraged with President Saunders' message of union solidarity even in the post-Janus decision era. He also shared that in the past AFSCME endorsed a Presidential candidate quite early. This year they want to hear from all the candidates before making an endorsement. Secretary-Treasurer Elissa McBride updated the online resource center as well as the data infrastructure on Unionware which is the system HGEA recently transitioned to. AFSCME Retiree Director Ann Widger shared AFSCME Retiree successes since our 2018 meeting which included a 10% increase to PEOPLE retirees, 3% net increase in membership, founded two new chapters and launched an online membership application.

HGEA Retiree Unit goals continue to be increasing membership participation as well as increasing our unit membership and of course increasing our PEOPLE MVP contributors. One staggering life statistic is that through attrition AFSCME membership drops about 10% or 1,800 members per month. Having a 3% net increase from last year is very positive and for HGEA we need to step up our membership sign ups. Please encourage your co-workers and family members retiring to continue their membership in the HGEA Retirees Unit. Myself and our board members are willing to meet and sign up members that have already retired, or I can also do worksite meetings, just have the member call our office to schedule a date and time. The chapter presidents are also all available to work with their island retirees on projects and activities, again they are only a phone call away. Remember, we are stronger in numbers.

We continue to have staff changes on each island. Kauai Division Chief Gerald Ako will most likely be retiring at the end of the year. Kauai agent Dale Shimomura retired on June 30 and new agent Kaulana Finn was hired. Megan Takemoto who assisted Michele Kurihara-Klein in the Political and Legislative Department is now a field agent. Our newest employee, Megan Chow, Human Resources Manager started on August 21.

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Don't forget to support and vote for Bennett Yap for ERS Trustee. We have had a strong union presence with Jackie Ferguson-Miyamoto's 24 years as trustee, Bennett Yap can continue that advocacy. Thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve as your Administrator. Please email or call me with any questions or suggestions.

In Solidarity,
Mahie



Bennett Yap, candidate for ERS Trustee with HGEA retirees.

Back row, left to right: Patrick Frane, Dennis Schwind, Timothy Albao

Front row, left to right: Mary Wagner, Evelyn Togashi, Aileen Obina

CHAPTER NEWS

OAHU

October 7, 2019: Bingo

October 9 & 23, 2019: Line Dancing

October 21, 2019: Movie Day, Rocketman

October 24, 2019: Crochet

November 6 & 20, 2019: Line Dancing

November 14, 2019: *NEW PRESENTATION*

Advance Healthcare Directive, Kokua Mau.

Call Tammy to RSVP 543-0054.

December 4 & 5, 2019: Downtown Craft Fair

December 19, 2019: Christmas party. See insert.

KAUAI

October 14, 2019: Movie Day

December 9, 2019: Christmas party. Sheraton Coconut Beach Resort at Waipouli. (Formerly Courtyard) Check in begins at 8:30 a.m. Call the HGEA 245-6751 to RSVP, by November 22, 2019.

MAUI

October 30, 2019: Movie Day, showing Curse of La Llorona, 9:30 a.m. at the HGEA Hall

November 30, 2019: Movie Day, 9:30 a.m. at the HGEA Hall

December 10, 2019: Christmas party. Tante's Island Cuisine at 10:00 a.m. See insert.

BIG ISLAND

Hawaii Island: Contact Elsie Iida, Community Action Chair at 959-6794 for information and to sign up.

November 11, 2019: West Hawaii Veteran's Day celebration. Place ti-leaves on Kona and Kohala cemeteries.

December: Salvation Army bell ringing at Prince Kuhio Mall.

January 18, 2020: New Year General membership luncheon. Nani Mau Gardens, 9:30 a.m.

January 20, 2010: Martin Luther King, Jr. day of service. Assist Kaiser Permanente staff with environment service project.

HAWAII LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Through the Hawaii Department of Health, Executive Office on Aging, the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program is seeking volunteers to become part of their credentialed and trained Ombudsman program. The program trains volunteers to help investigate and report problems or complaints, share information and provide consultation to family and the public on issues, and work with facility staff, community organizations, resident and family councils to ensure that Hawaii's kupuna receive quality long-term care. You can make a difference by being a voice for those residing in a long-term care setting.

For more information or to request an application call (808) 596-7291 or email lynn.niitani@doh.hawaii.gov.