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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR

Can’t believe we are already winding down another year which saw the election of our new state and chapter boards, along with another successful Biennial Assembly even with the two fire alarms. Our membership increases with new members that retire each month however, the overall membership counts have continued to decrease. With monthly classes being offered on Oahu and a renewed commitment to ramp up activities on each island, I am hopeful that our retirement membership will show increases in 2020. Starting off the new year, HGEA will conduct a health class on January 28, 2020 on Oahu as well as Kaiser on February 20, 2020, both beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the first floor meeting hall of the HGEA building. Please call Tammy at 543-0054 to RSVP. We are also planning to add a trip to Big Island to attend the Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival in Waimea on February 3, 2020. Trust and Wills presentations are in the works for later in the year. While it may be difficult for some to get on an outing, as a reminder, classes and excursions are benefits of belonging to the retirees unit. Please encourage your guests who want to participate to join the retirees units. Ours are a six month and can be deducted from your pension or checking accounts.

Many of you go to meet the HGEA-endorsed ERS candidate Bennett Yap. We are hopeful of his success and thankful to all of you who helped “get out the vote” for Bennett’s election.

Don’t forget to sign up as a long-term care ombudsman volunteer. John McDermott and Lynn Nakanishi of the Department of Health conduct the training and very much appreciated the assistance from being able to attend the September general membership meetings. We will be providing more volunteer opportunities in the program in upcoming issues. If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Nakanishi at (808) 596-7291.

As Thanksgiving nears, Tammy and I are very thankful and appreciative to all who have participated with the unit this year. Whether you volunteered to help make the coffee and set up our rooms, pick up snacks or bake your special treat, assist with planning excursions and speakers, kept track of phone trees and called members to remind them of activities, and a million and one other things that you do to help make our unit activities enjoyable, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

from our executive Director Randy Perreira, executive Director Debbie Kogawa, all of staff at HGEA especially Tammy and myself, we wish you and your families a joyful holiday and a very prosperous and healthy New Year. See you in 2020.

Mele Kalikimaka me ka Hau`oli Makahiki Hou!

HGEA retirees on the State Political Action Committee, but each island division will have their new ones will certainly be introduced so please stay tuned. Nationally the chapter General Membership meetings, I asked for input on the new plan to introduce an undecided benefit that currently allows sick leave balances of more than 5 years to be paid out as paid sick leave. Also, discussions are planned, and information will be shared as we move forward.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please contact your chapter representatives or Tammy Shimokawa at (808) 935-6841.

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At the last round of chapter General Membership meetings, I asked for input regarding adding the chiropractic benefit to the retiree health plans. More discussions are planned, and information will be shared as we move forward. HGEA is currently seeking legislative proposals for the 2020 Legislature which begins on January 15, 2020. While some of the counties were in discussion to take away the benefit that currently allows sick leave balances of more than 60 days to be added to your retirement, we do not anticipate any take-aways in the upcoming session. As you know bills are stillalive from last session and new ones will certainly be introduced so please stay tuned. Nationally the Presidential election is top of mind, but we will have some hotly debated county and state legislative seats. Hawaii State Director Allen Ohira will represent HGEA retirees on the State Political Action Committee, but each island division PAC also includes a retiree member. Of course, Retiree President Ruth Walker will conduct a health class on January 28, 2020 on Oahu as well as Kaiser on February 20, 2020, both beginning at 9:00 a.m. Call the HGEA 245-6751 to RSVP by November 22, 2019.

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