

HAWAII ISLAND CHAPTER  
**New Year's  
LUNCHEON**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020  
NANI MAU GARDENS  
9:30AM - 1:30PM

PLEASE BRING A CANNED GOOD  
DONATION FOR THE FOOD BASKET.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: Y or N Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member: Y or N Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Members: \_\_\_\_ x \$23 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Guests: \_\_\_\_ x \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed reservation form with payment **by Thursday, January 9, 2020** to HGEA, 495 Manono Street, Hilo, HI 96720. No refunds after January 9, 2020. Call Olga Hayashi at 961-3575 with questions.



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Hawaii Chapter, 2019 Walk to End Alzheimers

**B-I-N-G-O!**



Oahu retirees enjoyed a morning of games and fellowship with guest bingo caller, Jonah Fleming, Ethel Fleming's grandson.

WORDFIND  
**three-letter  
WORDS**

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| Age | Eat | Poi |
| Ant | For | Saw |
| Are | Ice | Sea |
| Ate | Koi | Sew |
| Awe | Lei | Tie |
| Axe | Lie | Toe |
| Boa | Oak | Two |
| Cue | Oat | Use |
| Due | One | Via |
| Ear | Out | You |

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

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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 retiree membership will show increases in 2020. Starting off the new year, HMSA will conduct a health class on January 28, 2020 on Oahu as will 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 a trip to Big Island to attend the Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival in Waimea on February 1, 2020. Trust and Wills presentations are in the works for later in the year. While it may be difficult for some to get to an outing, as a reminder, classes and excursion are benefits of belonging to the retirees unit. Please encourage your guests who want to participate to join the retirees unit. Dues are \$6 a month and can be deducted from their pension or checking accounts.



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 still alive 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 Aileen Obina 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 along with the HGEA State Board of Directors has the final say in approving the union's endorsed candidates.

Many of you got 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 Niitani 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 Niitani 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 treats, 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 Deputy Director Debbie Kagawa, all the 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!

## Mahie



**Retirees at the Aloha United Way Mahalo Lunch on Oahu.**  
Left to Right: Patrick Frane, Arlene Shimokawa, Ethel Shintaku, Ava Kridler, Ethel Fleming, John Wadahara, Muriel Masumura, Audrey Aki, and Betty Nishida.

# CHAPTER NEWS

## OAHU

**Wednesday & Thursday, December 4 & 5, 2019:**  
Downtown Craft Fair

**Monday, December 9, 2019:** Bingo

**Wednesday, December 11, 2019:**  
Line Dance

**Thursday, December 19, 2019:**  
Oahu Chapter Christmas party at Manoa Grand Ballroom

**Monday, January 6, 2020:** Bingo

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020:**  
Line Dance

**Monday, January 20, 2020:**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade.  
Call Retirees Office to participate.

**Tuesday, January 28, 2020:**  
HMSA presentation. 9:00 a.m.,  
1st floor meeting hall.

**Monday, February 3, 2020:** Bingo

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020:**  
Movie Day

**Thursday, February 20, 2020:**  
Kaiser presentation, 9:00 a.m.,  
1st floor meeting hall.

## KAUAI

**Monday, 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.

**Monday, February 24, 2020:** Movie Day, starts at 9:30 a.m.

## MAUI

**Wednesday, November 20, 2019:** Movie Day, 9:30 a.m. at the HGEA Hall

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

## BIG ISLAND

**December:** Salvation Army bell ringing at Prince Kuhio Mall.

**Saturday, January 18, 2020:** New Year General membership luncheon. Nani Mau Gardens, 9:30 a.m. (Registration enclosed)

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

**Saturday, February 1, 2020:** Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival. 9:00-3:00 p.m., Waimea.