The wonder of F-A-L-L
All the leaves are brown and sky is gray, I’ve been for a walk on a winters day…

Acorn
Almonds
Apples
Autumn
Baseball
Cranberry
Corn
Cider
Chestnut
Election
Fireplace
Grain
Halloween
Haystack
Harvest

Logs
Maize
Nuts
Pumpkins
Pecan
Stuffing
Sweet potato
Turkey
Walnuts
Yam
Zucchini

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

Ethel Fleming, Retirees Unit BOD President, attends the 2022 AFSCME Convention. She encourages everyone to VOTE in the upcoming General Election on November 8.

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Over the past few months, regular activities paused as we concentrated on supporting our HGEA endorsed candidates. MAHALO to the Hawaii and Oahu chapter members who volunteered many hours to call fellow retirees during our July and August phone banks. Member feedback was positive and appreciative of fellow members calling in support of the candidates. Most of the endorsed candidates won their races, including the top races for Governor, Lt. Governor, Congressional District 1 & 2, and Speaker Saiki’s race. All members’ votes and support from the HGEA PAC made the election a success for HGEA. However, the work is not over as we approach the General Election. In this issue, you will find a list of HGEA endorsed candidates for the General Election.

The 2022 AFSCME convention held in July began with a bittersweet tribute to the life of President Jerry McEntee, who passed away on July 10, just a day before the start of the convention. President Biden noted that Jerry McEntee was the “labor leader who transformed AFSCME into a beacon of hope for American workers and families.” Many were saddened at the news of President McEntee’s passing but vowed to continue the work of organizing and building the union.

The convention schedule included speeches from AFSCME President Lee Saunders, Secretary-Treasurer Elissa McBride, Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, and political leader Stacey Abrams. In addition, the convention ended with a banquet dinner and dancing. Don’t forget, the Retiree convention will be held next June 2023 on the Big Island.

Throughout September, Kaiser and HMSA attended each chapter’s general membership meeting to answer questions and clarify benefits. As a reminder, you may change your plan during open enrollment, which will take place from October 17-31, 2022. Also, Kaiser will hold an informational webinar; you can find the webinar registration information in this issue. In addition, HMSA wants to partner with HGEA retirees; please email or call me if you have suggestions.

I look forward to meeting with active working members in October and November as we restart our Planning for Retirement seminars. The Retirees unit is actively seeking to expand our membership. These seminars inform members of the retiree unit and provide information from the ERS and EUTF. The sessions for Maui and Kauai are on October 8 & 15, Oahu on November 5, and Hilo on November 19. Also, we recently partnered with AFSCME on a statewide recruitment mailout to 11,473 potential members, and I am hopeful of its success. Please continue to encourage co-workers and friends to join our unit. We are stronger in numbers. The Alzheimer’s Association will present information to each island at its success. Please continue to encourage co-workers and friends to join our unit. We are stronger in numbers. The Alzheimer’s Association will present information to each island at its upcoming sessions in January as follows: Oahu on January 5, Maui on January 12, Hilo on January 19, and Kauai on January 26. Please RSVP with the division office.

Our keiki are back in school, and the holidays are around the corner! So, I encourage you to stay safe, socially distance yourself, and get your flu shots and the latest COVID booster. General Election is on November 8, and you should receive your ballot mid-October. Please remember to complete your mail-in ballot as soon as you receive it and encourage your family and friends to support HGEA’s endorsed candidates. With much aloha for your continued support of the HGEA Retirees Unit and ...
CHAPTER NEWS:

General Election Day
Tuesday, November 8, 2022

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHAPTERS PRIOR TO ATTENDING IN CASE ANY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED.

KAUAI CHAPTER:
MOVIE DAY – OCTOBER 10, 10AM AT HGEA
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – DECEMBER 5 AT HGEA
CALL JONI TO RSVP

MAUI CHAPTER:
CALL HGEA AT 808-244-5508 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE
MOVIE DAY – NOVEMBER 15, 9:30 AM AT HGEA
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – DECEMBER 14
$10 FOR MEMBERS, $15 FOR NON-MEMBERS. RSVP BY NOVEMBER 10.

HAWAII CHAPTER:
TI-LEAF LEI DRAPING – NOVEMBER 11 AT KOHALA AND KONA VETERAN CEMETERIES
SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING – DECEMBER (DATE TBD)

OAHU CHAPTER:
BINGO – OCTOBER 3 & NOVEMBER 7 ***
TAI CHI – OCTOBER 4 & 18 & NOVEMBER 1 & 15
UKULELE – OCTOBER 5 & 19 & NOVEMBER 2 & 16
MAH JONG – OCTOBER 6, 13, 20 & 25 & NOVEMBER 3 & 17
MOVIE DAY – OCTOBER 11
LINE DANCING – OCTOBER 12 & 26 & NOVEMBER 9
CRAFTS – OCTOBER 27
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, NATSUNOYA TEA HOUSE – DECEMBER 15

***OAHU BINGO IS OPEN TO NEIGHBOR ISLAND MEMBERS VIA ZOOM. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR BINGO CARDS, YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING TAMMY AT 808-543-0054 AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO BINGO.

STATE, CITY, AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES:
YOU’RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A KAISER PERMANENTE RETIREE PRESENTATION

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Your Kaiser Permanente plan benefits
Additional Kaiser Permanente member resources and services
Where you can find more information at your fingertips

Please register at the link below for a webinar that’s convenient for you:
webinars.on24.com/Medicare/EUTFOpenEnrollment2022.
2022 General Election Endorsements

HGEA Island Division and State Political Action Committees, made up of members from all nine bargaining units, the Retirees Unit, and the managerial/excluded MCEC Unit, met to interview candidates seeking our support. Please consider these candidates as you cast your ballot in the November 8 General Election. Remember, this is an all-mail election — ballots will be mailed in mid-October, and you need to mail back your completed ballot right away to ensure your vote will be counted.

U.S. SENATE
Senate - Brian Schatz

U.S. CONGRESS
Congressional District 1 - Ed Case
Congressional District 2 - Jill Tokuda

GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR
Governor - Josh Green
Lt. Governor - Sylvia Luke

STATE SENATE
Hawaii:
Senate District 1 - Lorraine Inouye
Senate District 2 - Joy San Buenaventura
Senate District 4 - Tim Richards

Maui:
Senate District 6 - Angus McKelvey
Senate District 7 - Lynn DeCoite

Kauai:
Senate District 8 - Ron Kouchi

Oahu (cont.):
Senate District 25 - Chris Lee

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Hawaii:
District 3 - Chris Todd
District 4 - Greggor Ilagan
District 6 - Kirstin Kahaloa
District 8 - David Tarnas

Maui:
District 12 - Kyle Yamashita
District 15 - Nadine Nakamura
District 16 - Jimmy Tokioka
District 17 - Dee Morikawa

Kauai:
District 19 - Mark Hashem
District 20 - Bert Kobayashi
District 21 - Jackson Sayama
District 22 - Andrew Garrett
District 23 - Scott Nishimoto
District 24 - Adrian Tam
District 25 - Scott Saiki
District 26 - Della Au Belatti
District 27 - Jenna Takenouchi
District 28 - Daniel Holt
District 29 - John Mizuno
District 30 - Sonny Ganaden

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (cont.)
Oahu:
District 32 - Micah Aiu
District 34 - Gregg Takayama
District 35 - Cory Chun
District 36 - Rachele Lamosao
District 37 - Ryan Yamane
District 38 - Lauren Cheape
District 41 - David Alcos
District 43 - Staceylynn Eli
District 44 - Darius Kila
District 45 - Cedric Gates
District 47 - Sean Quinlan
District 48 - Lisa Kitagawa
District 49 - Scot Matayoshi
District 51 - Lisa Martin

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
At-Large Trustee - Brickwood Galuteria
At-Large Trustee - Keoni Souza
At-Large Trustee - John Waihee, IV

MAUI COUNTY
Mayor - Richard Bissen

COUNTY COUNCIL (cont.)
Kahului - Buddy Nobriga
South Maui - Tom Cook
Makawao-Haiku-Paia - Nohe U’u-Hodgins
Upcountry - Yuki Lei Sugimura
Lanai - Gabe Johnson
Molokai - John Pele

OAHU
HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
District II - Matt Weyer
District IV - Tommy Waters
District VI - Tyler Dos Santos-Tam
District VIII - Ron Menor

KAUAI COUNTY
MAYOR - Derek Kawakami

COUNTY COUNCIL
Addison Bulosan
Bernard Carvalho
Billy DeCosta
Luke Evislin
Ross Kagawa
Kipukai Kuali’i
Mel Rapozo

HAWAII
HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL
District 2 - Matthias Kuschat

MAUI CHARTER AMMENDMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS
Commission Proposals 1, 2, 13 - OPPOSE
Commission Proposal 11 - SUPPORT
Commission Proposals 3-10 & 12 - NO ACTION TAKEN

SENATE DISTRICT 24 - NO ENDORSEMENT. NONE OF THE CANDIDATES ARE SUITABLE FOR SUPPORT OR ENDORSEMENT

DISTRICTS 11, 13, 14, HAWAII RESIDENT TRUSTEE VACANCY, COUNTY COUNCIL, WAILUKU-WAIHEE-WAIKAPU - NO ACTION TAKEN, THE CANDIDATE DID NOT CONTACT HGEA FOR ENDORSEMENT CONSIDERATION IN A TIMELY MANNER OR AT ALL

SENATE DISTRICT 23 & DISTRICTS 5, 19, 40, 42, 46, 50 - OPEN, HGEA DID NOT ENDORSE A CANDIDATE

SENATE DISTRICT 22 & DISTRICTS 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 - OPEN, HGEA DID NOT ENDORSE A CANDIDATE