

CHAPTER NEWS:

Primary Election Day Saturday, August 10

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR ISLAND DIVISION OFFICE TO RSVP AND MAKE SURE ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT BEEN CANCELLED OR RESCHEDULED.

HAWAII CHAPTER:

- July 20: American Cancer Society's Relay For Life. Cash or check donation accepted at the HGEA office.
- Aug. 3: American Heart & Stroke Fundraiser. \$100 donation qualifies for a t-shirt. Make checks payable to American Heart Walk.
- Aug. 19: Nutrition & Smoothie Night at HGEA. Limited to 20 members, sign up by Aug. 5.
- Aug. 21 & 25: American Cancer Society Silent Auction. Drop off items at Stan Kinoshita & Assoc.
- Aug. 26: Steve Adams from Pacific Financial Group will be conducting a financial/estate planning workshop at 9:30 a.m. at the HGEA office. RSVP by Aug. 9.
- Sept. 21: Alzheimer's Walk Fundraiser. Drop off checks at HGEA payable to Alzheimer's Walk Big Island. Register for team online.
- Sept. 17-19: Hilo Blood Drive, by appointment only. Use HGEA Retirees' Lifesaver Club sponsor code 2147 when making appointment.

KAUAI CHAPTER:

- July 30: BINGO
- Aug. 19: Movie Day, *The Expendables 2*
- Aug. 29: Steve Adams from Pacific Financial Group will be conducting a financial/estate planning workshop at 9:30 a.m. at the HGEA office. RSVP by Aug. 9.

MAUI CHAPTER:

Call the Maui HGEA Office to register for events at 808-244-5508.

- Aug. 28: Steve Adams from Pacific Financial Group will be conducting a financial/estate planning workshop at 9:30 a.m. at the HMSA Community Center, 70 Hookele Street. RSVP by Aug. 9.

OAHU CHAPTER:

All activities begin at 9 a.m. unless specified otherwise.

- July 1: BINGO
- July 2, 16 & 30: Tai Chi
- July 9, 18 & 23: Mahjong
- July 10 & 24: Line Dancing
- July 22: Puzzle challenge at 9 a.m. RSVP and bring your own snack.
- July 25: Crafts
- Aug. 1, 8 & 13: Mahjong
- Aug. 6 & 20: Tai Chi
- Aug. 14 & 28: Line Dancing
- Aug. 15: Painting session with Paint Paina at 10 a.m. Cost is \$39/person.
- Aug. 22: Mahjong
- Aug. 27: Steve Adams from Pacific Financial Group will be conducting a financial/estate planning workshop at 9:30 a.m. at the HGEA office. RSVP by Aug. 9.
- Aug. 29: Crafts



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Primary candidates Scott Nishimoto, Ikaika Olds and Kevan Wong with Bronson Silva, national committeeman for the Hawaii Democratic Party, at the Oahu Chapter's General Membership Meeting in June. Check out our full list of endorsements for the 2024 Primary Election!

WORDFIND

Celebrating Asian American & Pacific Islander Month

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| George Ariyoshi | Paul Matsuo |
| Nakeu Awai | Spark Matsunaga |
| Helen Desha Beamer | Ah Quon McElrath |
| Robert Cazimero | Patsy Mink |
| Ethel Fleming | Joyce Najita |
| Hiram Fong | Russell Okata |
| Mazie Hirono | Jill Tokuda |
| Vickie Holt Takamine | David Trask |
| Mamo Howell | John Waihee |
| Daniel Inouye | Ruth Walker |
| Fran Kagawa | Kristi Yamaguchi |
| Nina Kealiwahamana | Manaola Yap |
| Pua Kanahale | Elmer Yuen |
| Kahoano Lake | Sig Zane |

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HO`OLAHA

PUBLICATION OF THE RETIRED PEOPLE

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



I'm pleased to start this issue with good news on the state settlement for temporary hazard pay. Employees organized into Units 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 13 and 14 who work at the state's executive branch, the University of Hawaii, public charter schools, the Judiciary and Hawaii Health Systems Corp. voted to accept a settlement offer from Gov. Josh Green.

There are two compensation tiers for this settlement - \$10,000 and \$20,000. Eligibility is based on number of days employees reported to a physical worksite.

If you worked in one of the affected bargaining units and jurisdictions listed above during the period of March 4, 2020 to March 25, 2022, you could be eligible to receive THP. For more information on eligibility and submitting the state's form before the July 31 deadline, go to hgea.org/StateSettlementRetiree.

Aside from our first THP win with Maui County in which all eligible members have already received payout, we still have active THP arbitration cases in other jurisdictions. Recent successes include favorable rulings from the Department of Education, Kauai County and Hawaii County. Make sure you're subscribed to our eBlast (hgea.org/eBlast) so you get the latest on THP and critical union news.

Also included in this issue is the list of HGEA endorsed candidates. Please support these candidates by spreading the news, joining your union brothers and sisters to sign wave, putting signs in your yard, and voting. Your chapter board will be looking for help. Any time you can spare will be appreciated.

During the June membership meetings, the board held their annual evaluation of the Retirees Unit Administrator. I look at this as an opportunity to address any issues or concerns. We are strongest when we work together, and I fully support the state and chapter boards as we plan our next course of activities. Without the dedication of the board members, we would not have been able to offer such a wide range of activities so members can stay active and build community. I look forward to continuing this work in the second year of this board term.

HGEA is working on ways to increase membership, but we can use your help identifying recruitment opportunities. I encourage you to reach out to friends, neighbors and especially former coworkers to join you in being an HGEA retiree member. Invite and encourage a non-member to a meeting or activity and introduce them to your island group.

In solidarity,

Mahie



After a rigorous vetting process, the HGEA board of directors approved the full slate of primary election endorsements. This list is comprised of candidates who share our union's values. Electing labor-friendly lawmakers means better laws and quality of life for Hawaii's working families, so please consider voting for these candidates when you cast your ballot. Ballots will be mailed to you around July 23. Be sure to mail yours back early, and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

U.S. PRESIDENT
Joe Biden

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

STATE SENATE

Hawaii:
Senate District 1 - Lorraine Inouye
Senate District 3 - Dru Kanuha
Senate District 4 - Tim Richards

Maui:
Senate District 5 - Troy Hashimoto
Senate District 6 - *No action taken**
Senate District 7 - Lynn DeCoite

Oahu:
Senate District 12 - *No action taken**
Senate District 16 - Brandon Elefante
Senate District 18 - Michelle Kidani
Senate District 19 - Henry Aquino
Senate District 22 - *Open***
Senate District 23 - *Open***
Senate District 24 - *No action taken**

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hawaii:
House District 1 - Mark Nakashima
House District 2 - Sue Lee Loy
House District 3 - Chris Todd

Hawaii (cont.)

House District 4 - Greggor Ilagan
House District 5 - Jeanne Kapela
House District 6 - Kirstin Kahaloa
House District 7 - Nicole Lowen
House District 8 - David Tarnas

Maui:

House District 9 - Justin Woodson
House District 10 - *Open***
House District 11 - Terez Amato
House District 12 - Kyle Yamashita
House District 13 - Mahina Poepoe
House District 14 - *No action taken**

Kauai:

House District 15 - Nadine Nakamura
House District 16 - Luke Evslin
House District 17 - Dee Morikawa

Oahu:

House District 18 - *No action taken**
House District 19 - Mark Hashem
House District 20 - Kevan Wong
House District 21 - Jackson Sayama
House District 22 - Andrew Garrett
House District 23 - Ikaika Olds
House District 24 - Adrian Tam
House District 25 - Scott Saiki
House District 26 - Della Au Belatti
House District 27 - Jenna Takenouchi
House District 28 - Daniel Holt
House District 29 - May Mizuno
House District 30 - Sonny Ganaden
House District 31 - Linda Ichiyama

Oahu (cont.)

House District 32 - *Open***
House District 33 - *No action taken**
House District 34 - Gregg Takayama
House District 35 - Cory Chun
House District 36 - Rachele Lamosao
House District 37 - *Open***
House District 38 - *Open***
House District 39 - *Open***
House District 40 - Rose Martinez
House District 41 - *No action taken**
House District 42 - Anthony Makana Paris
House District 43 - *No action taken**
House District 44 - Darius Kila
House District 45 - Desire DeSoto
House District 46 - Amy Perruso
House District 47 - Sean Quinlan
House District 48 - Lisa Kitagawa
House District 49 - Scot Matayoshi
House District 50 - Mike Lee
House District 51 - *No action taken**

HAWAII

MAYOR - Dr. Kimo Alameda

COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1 - Heather Kimball
District 2 - *Open***
District 3 - *Open***
District 4 - Ashley Kierkiewicz
District 5 - Ikaika Rodenhurst
District 6 - *No action taken**
District 7 - *No action taken**
District 8 - *No action taken**
District 9 - *No action taken**

* "No Action Taken" means candidates did not contact HGEA for endorsement consideration in a timely manner or at all.

** An "Open" endorsement means the union does not endorse a candidate.

*** "No Endorsement" means none of the candidates are suitable for support or endorsement.



You can make a difference this election with more than just your vote! As a political action volunteer, you'll be making an active contribution to protecting your job, benefits, retirement and ultimately your family's future.

Join us as we sign wave, canvass neighborhoods and educate our community about the choices they face at the ballot box. It's fun and it makes a difference. Sign up at hgea.org/pacvolunteer.

MAUI

COUNTY COUNCIL

East Maui - *No action taken**
West Maui - *No action taken**
Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu - *No action taken**
Kahului - Tasha Kama
South Maui - Tom Cook
Makawao-Haiku-Paia - Nohe U'u-Hodgins
Upcountry - Yuki Lei Sugimura
Lanai - *No action taken**
Molokai - John Pele

KAUAI

COUNTY COUNCIL

Bernard Carvalho
Felicia Cowden
Ross Kagawa
Arryl Kaneshiro
KipuKai Kualii
Mel Rapozo

OAHU

MAYOR - Rick Blangiardi

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

District I - *No action taken**
District III - Esther Kia'aina
District V - Scott Nishimoto
District VII - Radiant Cordero
District IX - *No action taken**