

CHAPTER NEWS:

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

HAWAII CHAPTER:

- Jan. 15: Holiday Party at Fairway Grill, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. See inside for registration info.
- March 19: General Membership Meeting

KAUAI CHAPTER:

- Jan. 27: Movie Day, 10 a.m.
- March 17: General Membership Meeting, 10 a.m.

MAUI CHAPTER:

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

- Jan. 7: BINGO at the Maui Island Division office conference room, 5 p.m. RSVP to Jennie at (808) 244-5508.
- Jan. 11: Holiday Party at Tante's Restaurant, 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. See inside for registration info.
- March 18: General Membership Meeting at Hannibal Tavares Community Center, Pukalani. RSVP to Steve at (808) 280-1526 or stpls69@yahoo.com by March 7, 2025.

OAHU CHAPTER:

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

- Dec. 9 & 17: Tai Chi
- Dec. 10 & 19: Mahjong
- Dec. 11: Line Dance
- Dec. 16: Puzzle Day
- Dec. 18: Crafts
- Feb. 3 & 24: Puzzle Day
- Feb. 4, 11, 18 & 25: Tai Chi
- Feb. 6, 13 & 20: Mahjong
- Feb. 12 & 26: Line Dance
- Feb. 27: Crafts
- March 20: General Membership Meeting
- Jan. 6: BINGO
- Jan. 7, 14, 21 & 28: Tai Chi
- Jan. 8 & 22: Line Dance
- Jan. 9, 16 & 23: Mahjong
- Jan. 13 & 27: Puzzle Day
- Jan. 18: Holiday Party at Oahu Island Division office, 1st floor meeting room, 10 a.m. See inside for registration info.
- Jan. 24: Movie Day
- Jan. 30: Crafts



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Left to right: Incoming Retirees Administrator, Joan Gallagher, posed with retiring Retirees Administrator, Mahie Trask, and Executive Director Randy Perreira at the Nov. 4 general assembly.

WORDFIND

Celebrating World Literature Day.
Search for these famous books and authors.

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| Agatha Christie | Love Story |
| Amy Tan | Malcolm X |
| Charlotte's Web | Of Mice and Men |
| A Christmas Carol | Pride and Prejudice |
| Danielle Steele | Song of Solomon |
| Dickens | Tale of Two Cities |
| Goodnight Moon | The Catcher in the Rye |
| Harry Potter | The Color Purple |
| James Patterson | The Great Gatsby |
| Jane Eyre | To Kill a Mockingbird |
| Joy Luck Club | Tuesdays with Morrie |
| Judy Blume | War and Peace |
| Little Women | Wuthering Heights |

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HGEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Happy holidays to all of you.

Can you believe another year is rapidly coming to a close? With the election season now in the rear-view mirror, we all watch with bated breath as the nation's democracy and future hang in the balance.

I am so grateful to our retirees who have long proven to be the political backbone of HGEA, whether through your volunteer efforts, political activism or your votes. Mahalo for everything you do for labor and our community.

At the end of every year, our union looks in two directions. We look back to see what we have accomplished, with an eye toward celebrating our wins and acknowledging where we can do better. Then we turn forward, toward the future and the opportunities that are ahead.

Our Retirees Unit is doing the same. We look back to celebrate the retirement and achievements of Retirees Unit Administrator Mahie Trask Murakami, who has led this program for 13 years. Mahie came to HGEA with the tremendous legacy of her dad, David K. Trask, who as our executive director led HGEA's successful fight for collective bargaining rights and truly established us as a union. Her departure is bittersweet for me. Our dads worked together for so many years, just as we have. I'm sad to see her go – she has built up our retiree program and taken such good care of all of you. Yet I am also happy that she will now be able to enjoy the benefits of retirement and spending time with her growing family.

In looking to the future, we welcome our new Retirees Unit Administrator Joan Gallagher, effective Dec. 1. Joan is a long-time union advocate, having worked for Washington Council 28 before joining HGEA in January 2021. As representative for our MCEC Unit, Joan was a tireless voice on behalf of our managerial members – she will be missed in that role. Joan brings with her tremendous enthusiasm, lots of ideas, and a great passion to work with our retirees. I trust that she will hit the ground running, picking up where Mahie left off.

Let us bid farewell to 2024 knowing that HGEA can stand proud of all that we've done to advance public service and our communities. Ours is a model union that others seek to imitate but can never duplicate. A large part of that success is due to you, our retirees. As I have said many times, you are the generation that built our state and set the example for the rest of us to follow. Thank you for all that you have done and will continue to do.

On behalf of all of us on the HGEA staff, happy holidays! We are wishing you a healthy and happy new year.

In solidarity,

Randy Perreira

26TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

The HGEA Retirees Unit will hold its convention in June of 2025. Bylaw amendments and general resolutions must be submitted in writing to the Retirees Unit Administrator, 888 Mililani St., Ste. 401, Honolulu, HI 96813, by the following deadlines in order to be considered: Feb. 1, 2025 for bylaw amendments and March 1, 2025 for general resolutions.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS: RETIREES UNIT CHAPTER OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Elections for the 2025-2027 term of chapter leadership will be held during each island chapter's respective general membership meeting in March of 2025. If you're interested in running for the position of chapter officer, director or state director, notify your chapter president or the Retirees Unit office at (808) 543-0054 at least 30 days prior to your general membership meeting (see chapter news section).

Only state directors are eligible to run for officers of the State Board of Directors at the June convention. For questions about the election process, call the Retirees Unit office.

CHERRY BLOSSOM HERITAGE FESTIVAL



Waimea, Hawaii
Feb. 1, 2025
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

It's been thirty years since Evelyn Togashi, program director for the Culture and Education Division for Elderly Services, started this festival for Big Island residents to enjoy. We encourage you to attend with your fellow retirees.

Interested participants should call Tammy Tanouye at (808) 543-0054 by Dec. 31. Cost for air travel and transportation to and from the airport is dependent on the size of the travel group and will be determined after registration closes. You must be an HGEA member to participate.

MAKANA PERKS & DISCOUNTS With over 100 partners, the Makana Perks & Discounts program allows HGEA members to save on insurance, education, travel, recreation, professional services and more. VISIT HGEA.ORG/MAKANA

HOLIDAY PARTY REGISTRATION

MAUI CHAPTER	HAWAII CHAPTER	OAHU CHAPTER
Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Tante's Restaurant - Kahului 100 W Kaahumanu Ave.	Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2025 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Fairway Grill 340 Haihai St.	Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025 10 a.m. HGEA 1st Floor Hall 888 Mililani St.
Theme: A local Mardi Gras Colors: red, gold and green Enjoy door prizes & BINGO	Desserts welcomed.	Metered street parking available. In lieu of a gift exchange, please bring a canned good donation.
Registration form due by Dec. 12.	Registration form due by Jan. 2. (After Jan. 2, no refunds and late registration rate is charged)	Registration form due by Dec. 26. (No refunds after Dec. 30)

CUT & RETURN THE BELOW

MAUI CHAPTER LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Member: Y or N Phone #: _____
Name: _____
Member: Y or N Phone #: _____
Mailing address: _____

of Retiree Unit Members: ___ x \$11.50 each = \$ ___
of Guests: ___ x \$31.50 each = \$ ___
Total = \$ ___

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed registration form with payment by Dec. 12 to HGEA, 2145 Kaohu St., Ste. 206, Wailuku, HI 96793.

HAWAII CHAPTER LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Member: Y or N Phone #: _____
Name: _____
Member: Y or N Phone #: _____
Mailing address: _____

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed registration form with payment by Jan. 2, 2025 to HGEA, 495 Manono St., Hilo HI 96720.

OAHU CHAPTER LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____
Member: Y or N Phone #: _____
Name: _____
Member: Y or N Phone #: _____
Mailing address: _____

of Retiree Unit Members: ___ x \$30 each = \$ ___
of Guests: ___ x \$35 each = \$ ___
Total = \$ ___

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed registration form with payment by Dec. 26 to HGEA Retirees Unit, 888 Mililani St., Ste. 401, Honolulu, HI 96813.

of Retiree Unit Members: ___ x \$20 each = \$ ___
of Guests: ___ x \$31 each = \$ ___
Late Registration: ___ x \$36 each = \$ ___
Total = \$ ___

After Jan. 2, 2025, there are no refunds and registration costs \$36 per person.