

CHAPTER NEWS:

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

HAWAII CHAPTER:

- Sept. 13: Big Island Labor Day Bingo & Union Ohana Luncheon hosted by the Big Island Labor Alliance from 11 a.m.-1p.m. at the ILWU Hawaii Division Office, 100 W Lanikaula St., Hilo. You must register by Aug. 29 by calling Solette Perry at (808) 351-5005. Please indicate if you'd like to volunteer when registering.
- Sept. 17: General Membership Meeting, 9 a.m.
- Sept. 18: Hilo Blood Drive at the Church of Latter-Day Saints. Make an appointment to donate at bbh.org or (800) 848-4770. Use sponsor code 2147 for the HGEA Retirees Lifesaver Club when scheduling.
- Sept. 20: Walk to End Alzheimer's. Liliuokalani Park by tea house. Meet for team picture at 7:45 a.m. Join by registering online at alz.org/hawaiiwalk or drop off a check to the HGEA office. Checks should be made out to "Alzheimer's Walk Big Island" and notate it's for the "HGEA All Units team." Donate \$100 or more for a shirt.

KAUAI CHAPTER:

Call Joni Taba to register for events at (808) 245-6751.

- Aug. 18: Movie Day, 10 a.m.
- Sept. 15: General Membership Meeting, 10 a.m.
- Oct. 20: Movie Day, 10 a.m.

MAUI CHAPTER:

- Sept. 16: General Membership Meeting, 9:30 a.m. at the HMSA Center in Kahului. Information on open enrollment. Register by contacting Steve at (808) 280-1526 or stplsd69@yahoo.com by Sept. 5.
- Oct. 7: Bingo, 5 p.m. at the HGEA conference room. RSVP to Jennie at (808) 244-5508.
- Nov. 4: Hanafuda, 5 p.m. at Maui HGEA conference room. RSVP to Jennie at (808) 244-5508.
- Nov. 22: Walk to End Alzheimer's at Queen Kaahumanu Center. Registration opens at 9:30 a.m., ceremony at 10 a.m. and walk begins at 10:30 a.m. Register now and read more at act.alz.org/mauiwalk.

OAHU CHAPTER:

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

- Aug. 18 Hanafuda
- Aug. 12, 19, 26 Tai Chi
- Aug. 14, 21 Mahjong
- Aug. 11, 25 Puzzle and Board Games
- Aug. 13, 27 Line Dance
- Aug. 28 Craft Day
- Sept. 2, 16, 30 Tai Chi
- Sept. 3, 17 Hanafuda
- Sept. 8 Bingo
- Sept. 9, 23 Mahjong
- Sept. 10 Line Dance
- Sept. 15, 29 Puzzle and Board Games
- Sept. 18 General Membership Meeting
- Sept. 25 Craft Day
- Sept. 26 Movie Day
- Oct. 1, 15 Hanafuda
- Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23 Mahjong
- Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28 Tai Chi
- Oct. 8, 22 Line Dance
- Oct. 13, 27 Puzzle and Board Games
- Oct. 30 Craft Day



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Hawaii State Rep. Luke Evslin spoke to Kauai retirees in his district at the Retirees Unit general membership meeting on June 16.

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Summer Sweets: Ice Cream Flavors

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| Almond Fudge | Mango |
| Bubblegum | Mississippi Mud |
| Butter Pecan | Mocha Chip |
| Cheesecake | Neapolitan |
| Cherry Garcia | Pineapple |
| Chocolate | Pistachio |
| Chocolate Chip | Pralines |
| Coffee | Rocky Road |
| Cookie Dough | Strawberry |
| Cookies and Cream | Tiramisu |
| Cotton Candy | Toffee |
| Fudge Brownie | Ube |
| Green Tea | Vanilla |

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



As we move into fall and past some of the biggest changes we have ever seen made to federal benefits and allocations, expect to see impacts on social services and other federally-funded support programs.

We will continue to keep you updated as more information becomes available, but it's clear there's never been a time more necessary to come together and support our communities.

The Retirees Unit has an impressive history of excelling at activism and volunteerism. From food drives to sign waiving, rallies and manning information booths, scholarship

fundraising to joining walks to end cancer, retirees always show up.

Mahalo nui loa for your dedication to standing up for working families and giving your time to help those in need.

Some of you may ask what else you can do at a time like this when federal benefits and social safety net programs are under fire. You can become a PEOPLE MVP or encourage your fellow retirees to join. The PEOPLE program is critical to our national political action and we currently stand at only 8.9% contributing members. Join the fight by grabbing PEOPLE cards from me or Tammy or calling (808) 543-0054.

And, as always, staying up to date on the latest news is important during challenging times. If you are not receiving emails from HGEA, please send your current email address to retirees@hgea.org.

In solidarity,

Joan Gallagher

NEW MAUI DIVISION OFFICE HGEA BOARD VISITS BUILDING SITE



Randy Perreira, executive director, and Ethel Fleming, president of the Retirees Unit, toured the site of the new Maui Island Division Office with the HGEA Board of Directors.

The new office will offer an accessible space for members to gather and carry out union business.

FEDERAL CHAOS FEATURING U.S. SEN. BRIAN SCHATZ THE NEGOTIATION TABLE PODCAST



We've seen the cutting of vital public services, including the gutting of the Social Security Administration and threats to end the Department of Education.

Thousands of federal workers have been fired and collective bargaining rights undermined. Ultra-wealthy billionaires are causing all this harm to secure massive tax cuts for themselves on the backs of working people.

U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz sat down to discuss what's been happening after the 100-day mark of the Trump administration on the federal level and how it affects Hawaii.

RETIREES EXCURSION: HAWAII'S PLANTATION VILLAGE WAIPAHU, OAHU



We're heading to Hawaii's Plantation Village for our next Retirees Unit excursion.

Step back to the sugarcane plantation days (1850-1950) in this outdoor living history museum and botanical garden. Learn how plantation workers lived and worked by visiting more than 25 authentically restored or replicated buildings.

Date and transportation costs (dependent on number of participants) are to be determined. Admission is \$11/person.

If you are interested in attending, call Tammy Tanouye at (808) 543-0054.



With more than 100 partners, the Makana Perks and Discounts program allows HGEA members to save on insurance, travel, professional services and more!



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HGEA VOTED BEST LOCAL UNION IN HAWAII



More than 50,000 KITV viewers statewide have spoken: the Hawaii Government Employees Association is the best local union in 2025.

For 90 years HGEA has been on the front lines fighting for workers' rights in the workplace. We're proud to represent the hard-working women and men who are providing the public with vital government services. Hawaii really does work best when we do.

Scan to watch Executive Director Randy Perreira discuss the importance of this milestone on Island Life Live.



RISE UP WITH AFSCME PEOPLE

What's the best way to fight back? Be a PEOPLE MVP to ensure our international union has the resources it needs to beat back the billionaires and their anti-union extremist friends. The work of dedicated public servants like you — not the greed of the uber wealthy — is what makes our community strong.



SCAN TO BECOME A PEOPLE MVP!

It's Better In a Union (EVEN IN RETIREMENT)

Tell your friends and family to add their voice to a strong unit of 9,000 Hawaii retirees.

We lobby state and federal government to protect your retirement benefits from rollbacks.



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