

CHAPTER NEWS:

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

HAWAII CHAPTER:

- July 19: American Cancer Society Relay for Life fundraiser. Donate to fight against cancer online at relayforlife.org/hilo or drop off a check at the HGEA office. Checks should be made out to "ACS Relay for Life Hilo" and notate it's for the "HGEA All Units team."
- Sept. 17: General Membership Meeting, 9 a.m.
- 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."

KAUAI CHAPTER:

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

- July 21: Movie Day at 10 a.m.
- Aug. 18: Movie Day at 10 a.m.
- Sept. 15: General Membership Meeting, 10 a.m.

MAUI CHAPTER:

- July 8: Bingo, 5 p.m. at the HGEA conference room. RSVP to Jennie at (808) 244-5508.
- Aug. 5: Hanafuda, 5 p.m. at Maui HGEA conference room. RSVP to Jennie at (808) 244-5508.
- 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.
- Movie Day notice: If you'd like to be placed on a list and receive more info on upcoming movie days, please contact Steve at (808) 280-1526 or stplsd69@yahoo.com.

OAHU CHAPTER:

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

- June 24: Mahjong
- June 25: Line Dance
- June 26: Craft Day
- July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Tai Chi
- July 3, 10, 17, 24: Mahjong
- July 7: Bingo
- July 9, 23: Line Dance
- July 14, 28: Puzzle and Board Games
- July 25: Movie Day
- July 31: Craft Day
- Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26: Tai Chi
- Aug. 7, 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. 8: Bingo
- Sept. 9, 23: Mahjong
- Sept. 10, 24: Line Dance
- Sept. 15, 29: Puzzle and Board Games
- Sept. 18: General Membership Meeting

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From left: Delegates Mahie Trask and Jean Arakaki; Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke; and delegates Yolanda Faria and Bernice Goodness-Viveiros at the 26th Biennial Assembly.

WORDFIND

May flowers, lei flowers

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| Amaryllis | Gardenia | Ohia lehua |
| Anemone | Geranium | Orchid |
| Anthurium | Ginger | Peony |
| Azalea | Heliconia | Periwinkle |
| Begonia | Hinahina | Pikake |
| Camellia | Hyacinth | Plumeria |
| Carnation | Hydrangea | Puakenikeni |
| Chrysanthemum | Ilima | Ranunculus |
| Crownflower | Iris | Rose |
| Daffodil | Jasmine | Sunflower |
| Dahlia | Larkspur | Tuberose |
| Daisy | Lavender | Tulip |
| Delphinium | Lily | Uki uki |
| Freesia | Marigold | Zinnia |

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



Aloha, 2025 continues to be to be eventful and, quite frankly, scary for our retirees given the federal level turmoil and threats to Social Security and Medicare.

Retirees have been fighting back by participating in calls to action, rallies and increasing their PEOPLE contributions or helping to grow our PEOPLE numbers at an unprecedented rate.

The PEOPLE program is critical to the success of our national political action to protect against cuts to Social Security and Medicare. We've reached an 8.8% PEOPLE participation

rate by members so far.

To join the fight, grab a PEOPLE card from me or Tammy, or call us at (808) 543-0054. I'm incredibly proud to see how our unit has responded to the threats to their benefits.

To build solidarity through our membership organizing action plan, the Retirees Unit now has updated literature that can be printed in-house. We've also implemented a revamped eBlast program encouraging soon-to-be-retiring members to join our unit.

Retirees recently completed their chapter board elections and elected statewide officers at our biennial assembly in June. Congratulations and mahalo to these members for serving! A list of the members who will begin their term on July 1 is available on the next page.

Please remember to update your email and subscribe to eBlasts so you can get the latest news and alerts. If you haven't been getting emails from us, send your current email address to retirees@hgea.org.

In solidarity,

Joan Gallagher



2026 RETIREES CALENDAR CALL FOR PHOTOS

We need photos of members in action for our 2026 retirees calendar.

If you have pictures of HGEA community meetings or events, your travels, grandchildren or other fun experiences and events, email them to ttanouye@hgea.org.

Please be sure to include any relevant names or descriptions when submitting them.

2025-2027 HGEA RETIREES UNIT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Statewide Board

President: Ethel Fleming
Vice President: Ava Kridler
Secretary: Steven Criss
Treasurer: Timothy Albao

Hawaii Chapter: Elsie Iida, Solette Perry and Aileen Obina
Kauai Chapter: Priscilla Badua
Maui Chapter: Mary Matsukawa
Oahu Chapter: Audrey Aki, Patrick Frane, Lance Kamisugi, Diane Nakashima and Gregory Peterson

Hawaii Chapter

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Chapter Director: John Costales Jr.

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President: Ava Kridler
Vice President: Terry Ann Richter
Secretary: Yolanda Faria
Treasurer: Jean Arakaki
Chapter Directors: Sharon Lee, Lorraine Tobin and Brenda White
State Directors: Audrey Aki, Ethel Fleming, Parick Frane, Lance Kamisugi, Diane Nakashima and Gregory Peterson



From left: Delegates Diane Nakashima and Harry Gima

26TH BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY RECAP "CELEBRATING SOLIDARITY AND ACTIVISM"

The 26th Biennial Assembly was held on June 3-4 at the Alohilani Waikiki Beach Hotel on Oahu. 102 delegates from across the state gathered to consider resolutions, elect officers, get the latest union updates, enjoy classes on financial and physical wellness and sign up to support our PEOPLE program.

Guest speakers included Gov. Josh Green, Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke, Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court Mark E. Recktenwald, AFSCME Retirees Assistant Director Ben Hodapp and HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira.

Mahalo to all who attended!

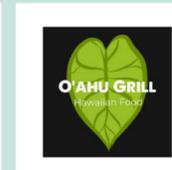
You can view recordings of the guest speakers' speeches and photos of this event at hgea.org/biennial.



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



SCAN TO START SAVING

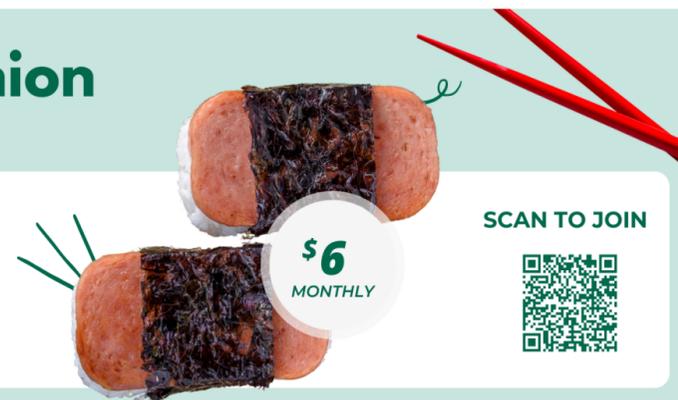


It's Better In a Union (EVEN IN RETIREMENT)

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.

MEMBERS GET ACCESS TO RETIREE MEETINGS, SOCIAL EVENTS, EDUCATIONAL AND WELLNESS CLASSES, DISCOUNTS AND MORE!



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!



New PEOPLE members show off their PEOPLE jackets. From left: Michael Kawamoto, Barbara Paahao, Greg Peterson and Myrna Sato.



From left: Retirees Administrator Joan Gallagher, Merwyn and Sharon Lee, Retirees Unit President Ethel Fleming, Brenda White, Arlene Shimokawa, Susan Morishige and Myrna Sato.

RETIREES LEND A HAND TO THE HUNGRY

In April, our retirees joined fellow volunteers to prep food drive flyers for the annual National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger food drive.

Mahalo to our retirees for staying active and showing up for our community!

Check out the chapter news section for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.