

CHAPTER NEWS:

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

HAWAII CHAPTER:

Please wear your HGEA shirt to all events. For questions or to sign up for volunteering, text Elsie Iida (808) 936-2023 or Iwalani Kaheiki (808) 895-4945 unless specified otherwise.

- Oct. 25, 27-31: Waiakeawaena Elementary School Book Fair. Contact Brenda to sign up for a shift at (808) 300-1461. Oct 25 opening day shift from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Oct. 27-31 shifts are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Dec. 6: Salvation Army Bell Ringing at KTA Supermarket (shifts: 9 a.m.-noon and noon-3 p.m.)
- Dec. 9-24: Retired & Senior Volunteer Program Gift Wrapping at the Mall (shifts: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 2 p.m.-5 p.m.)

KAUAI CHAPTER:

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

- Oct. 20: Movie Day, 10 a.m.
- Nov. 17: Movie Day and Lei Making, 10 a.m.
- Dec. 8: Christmas Party, 10 a.m. at the Kauai HGEA Office. RSVP by Dec. 1 to Joni at (808) 245-6751.

MAUI CHAPTER:

- Nov. 4: Hanafuda, 5 p.m. at 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.
- Movie Day Notice: If you're interested in attending future movie days, please contact Steve at stplsd69@yahoo.com or (808) 280-1526 to be placed on a list to receive more information.

OAHU CHAPTER:

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

- Oct. 21, 28: Tai Chi
- Oct. 22: Line Dance
- Oct. 23: Mahjong
- Oct. 27: Puzzle Day
- Oct. 30: Craft Day
- Dec. 9, 18: Mahjong
- Dec. 10: Line Dance
- Dec. 15: Puzzle Day
- Dec. 16: Tai Chi

- Nov. 3: Bingo
- Nov. 4, 18, 25: Tai Chi
- Nov. 6, 13, 20: Mahjong
- Nov. 10, 17: Puzzle Day
- Nov. 12: Line Dance
- Nov. 21: Movie Day

SAVE THE DATE

OAHU CHAPTER RETIREES HOLIDAY PARTY

Thursday, Jan. 15, 2026
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Mango Street Grill
130 Mango St., Wahiawa, HI 96786
Western theme. More details coming soon.



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RETIREES UNIT



Retirees Unit member Jeanne Beers with Lt. Gov. Sylvia Luke at the Hawaii Island Retirees Chapter General Membership Meeting.

WORDFIND

Fall Fun: Festivals and Food

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| Acorn Squash | Funnel Cake |
| Apple Cider | Halloween |
| Autumn | Harvest |
| Back to School | Haunted House |
| Beer Festival | Hayride |
| Bratwurst | Jack O Lantern |
| Candy Corn | Kettle Corn |
| Caramel Apples | Octoberfest |
| Corn Maze | Pretzels |
| Cornucopia | Pumpkin |
| Costume | Scarecrow |
| Equinox | Trick or Treat |
| Football | |

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



As we move into October, we again enter the retirees' open enrollment period which runs from Oct. 16-31. This is a time when you can add, change or drop a health plan; add or remove dependents; or change coverage tiers.

Effective July 1, 2025, the Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund expanded dependent children eligibility to age 26 for most plans, meaning a full-time student status or marital status is no longer required for children ages 19-25 to be covered under medical, prescription drug, dental and vision plans. This update applies to active employees and retirees, and children can now remain

covered until the end of the month they turn 26.

If you don't want to make changes, you don't need to take any action or complete any forms to continue your current plan.

For questions, we recommend contacting the respective provider:

- **EUTF:** eutf.hawaii.gov or 1 (800) 295-0089
- **Hawaii Dental Service:** hawaiidentalsservice.com/eutf or (808) 529-9310
- **HMSA EUTF:** hmsa.com/eutf or (808) 948-6499
- **Kaiser EUTF:** kp.org/eutf or (808) 432-5250

Representatives from EUTF, Hawaii Dental Service, HMSA and Kaiser gave presentations at our recent general membership meetings. We appreciate them for being so willing to travel across the islands for our retirees.

I'd also like to acknowledge everyone who attended and helped to organize these meetings. We had record attendance and that's largely due to the hard work of our board leadership. Mahalo for keeping us union strong!

Remember to stay updated by subscribing to our eBlasts. If you're not getting HGEA emails, send your current email to retirees@hgea.org.

In solidarity,

Joan Gallagher

SNAPSHOTS: KAUAI OPEN ENROLLMENT PRESENTATION



RETIRES SKYLINE EXCURSION

On August 6, Retirees Unit members from Oahu and Kauai toured the Skyline and took a ride on the rail. They enjoyed experiencing this new mode of transportation.

The day wrapped up with lunch and shopping at Ka Makana Alii. Check out the chapter news section for upcoming events that you can attend with your fellow retirees!



UNPACKING THE UNION: WHAT IS AFSCME?



The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees is an international union based in Washington, D.C. with approximately 3,400 local unions and 46 councils and affiliates across various states and territories.

As one of AFSCME's local unions, HGEA AFSCME Local 152 is part of the larger network representing and fighting for public employees.

This means that retiree members like you are part of the collective voice for labor especially when it comes to protecting the retirement benefits that you earned.



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



GIVE A MEMBER A SHAKA: PETER OSHIRO



Peter Oshiro, manager of the Environmental Health Program in the Department of Health, has led one of the most critical departments to keep the community safe from communicable diseases.

Oshiro, MCEC member, has more than 20 years of service in the union as a steward and board member, and he remains a strong advocate of the important work that government workers do to keep Hawaii healthy.

Check out Oshiro's video to learn more about what he does.



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.

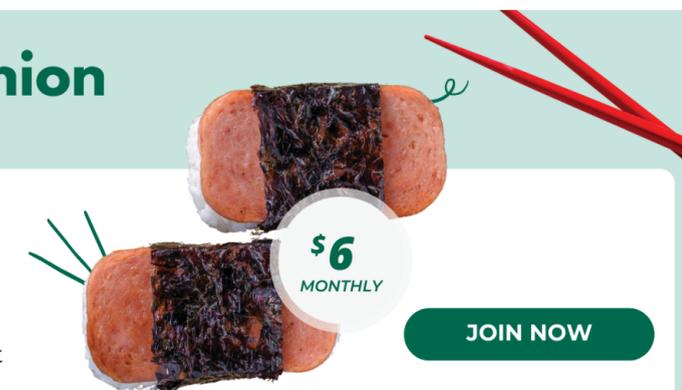


SCAN TO BECOME A PEOPLE MVP!

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

We welcome everyone to join our ranks! Tell your spouse, 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!