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Ethel Fleming, Retirees Unit BOD President, attends the 2022 AFSCME Convention. She encourages everyone to VOTE in the upcoming General Election on November 8.

WORDFIND

The wonder of F-A-L-L
All the leaves are brown and sky is gray, I've been for a walk on a winters day...

- Acorn
- Almonds
- Apples
- Autumn
- Baseball
- Cranberry
- Corn
- Cider
- Chestnut
- Election
- Fog
- Fireplace
- Grain
- Halloween
- Haystack
- Harvest
- Logs
- Maize
- Nuts
- Pumpkins
- Pecan
- Stuffing
- Sweet potato
- Turkey
- Walnuts
- Yam
- Zucchini

C C I P F F Q P C U W J N C U I E B
 Q K T U I Q O Q G Z R W G U H O U Z
 Y B A M R R C G D K N S K G T Z B Q
 U A A P E L E C T I O N Q E A S I W
 D Z Z K P A T Y Y R R E B N A R C E
 P P M I L L A U I N I H C C U Z T A
 K Q U N A M E B R B M N B P F W A U
 Y C X S C P K S B K R A I W K A I T
 C B A Z E R N A J O E F R K M L H U
 Z B Z T G I S C C C V Y E T R M T M
 N S M R S E R A L M O N D S P U S N
 G R A R B Y P P C K J S I E N G E W
 Q I O A Z O A M S A W N C T O F V A
 N B L C X I D H Z F I A S L F P R L
 I L Y B V D J I A R N E T Q B F A N
 N E E W O L L A H W H K R R Y S H U
 G N I F F U T S B C M E M A I Z E T
 S W E E T P O T A T O E E O F D P S

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



Over the past few months, regular activities paused as we concentrated on supporting our HGEA endorsed candidates. MAHALO to the Hawaii and Oahu chapter members who volunteered many hours to call fellow retirees during our July and August phone banks. Member feedback was positive and appreciative of fellow members calling in support of the

candidates. Most of the endorsed candidates won their races, including the top races for Governor, Lt. Governor, Congressional District 1 & 2, and Speaker Saiki's race. All members' votes and support from the HGEA PAC made the election a success for HGEA. However, the work is not over as we approach the General Election. In this issue, you will find a list of HGEA endorsed candidates for the General Election.

The 2022 AFSCME convention held in July began with a bittersweet tribute to the life of President Gerald McEntee, who passed away on July 10, just a day before the start of the convention. President Biden noted that Jerry McEntee was the "labor leader who transformed AFSCME into a beacon of hope for American workers and families." Many were saddened at the news of President McEntee's passing but vowed to continue the work of organizing and building the union.

The convention schedule included speeches from AFSCME President Lee Saunders, Secretary-Treasurer Elissa McBride, Labor Secretary Marty Walsh, and political leader Stacey Abrams. In addition, we participated in a solidarity rally with our brothers and sisters negotiating their first contract with the Metropolitan Museum of Arts and conducted business to debate and vote on changes to the AFSCME Bylaws.

CONGRATULATIONS RETIREES! HGEA retirees received 4th place at the convention for our PEOPLE participation. It was an honor to be recognized, and I enjoyed seeing our HGEA Logo on the big screen. (Continued on next page ...)

PEOPLE stands for Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality and is the arm used to assist with candidate campaigns and educate members on issues. The PEOPLE program is what we use to promote candidates and issues that are important to members. If you are not a PEOPLE member, please consider joining for \$8.40 a month. You can call our HGEA office to help with enrollment into the program. If you enroll as an MVP member, you will receive a PEOPLE jacket.

HGEA bargaining unit members met at the Hilton Waikoloa to participate in the 26th Biennial General Assembly in early September. The two-day convention began with inspiring speeches from Executive Director Randy Perreira and AFSCME President Lee Saunders. The delegates approved four general resolutions, and there were no bylaw changes. The convention ended with a banquet dinner and dancing. Don't forget, the Retiree convention will be held next June 2023 on the Big Island.

Throughout September, Kaiser and HMSA attended each chapter's general membership meeting to answer questions and clarify benefits. As a reminder, you may change your plan during open enrollment, which will take place from October 17-31, 2022. Also, Kaiser will hold an informational webinar; you can find the webinar registration information in this issue. In addition, HMSA wants to partner with HGEA retirees; please email or call me if you have suggestions.

I look forward to meeting with active working members in October and November as we restart our Planning for Retirement seminars. The Retirees unit is actively seeking to expand our membership. These seminars inform members of the retiree unit and provide information from the ERS and EUTF. The sessions for Maui and Kauai are on October 8 & 15, Oahu on November 5, and Hilo on November 19. Also, we recently partnered with AFSCME on a statewide recruitment mailout to 11,473 potential members, and I am hopeful of its success. Please continue to encourage co-workers and friends to join our unit. We are stronger in numbers. The Alzheimer's Association will present information to each island at the upcoming sessions in January as follows: Oahu on January 5, Maui on January 12, Hilo on January 19, and Kauai on January 26. Please RSVP with the division office.

Our keiki are back in school, and the holidays are around the corner! So, I encourage you to stay safe, socially distance yourself, and get your flu shots and the latest COVID booster. General Election is on November 8, and you should receive your ballot mid-October. Please remember to complete your mail-in ballot as soon as you receive it and encourage your family and friends to support HGEA's endorsed candidates. With much aloha for your continued support of the HGEA Retirees Unit and ...

In solidarity,

Mahie

CHAPTER NEWS:

General Election Day Tuesday, November 8, 2022

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHAPTERS PRIOR TO ATTENDING IN CASE ANY ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED.

KAUAI CHAPTER:

MOVIE DAY - OCTOBER 10, 10AM AT HGEA
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - DECEMBER 5 AT HGEA
CALL JONI TO RSVP

MAUI CHAPTER:

CALL HGEA AT 808-244-5508 TO CONFIRM ATTENDANCE
MOVIE DAY - NOVEMBER 15, 9:30 AM AT HGEA
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON & GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - DECEMBER 14
\$10 FOR MEMBERS, \$15 FOR NON-MEMBERS. RSVP BY NOVEMBER 10.

HAWAII CHAPTER:

TI-LEAF LEI DRAPING - NOVEMBER 11 AT KOHALA AND KONA VETERAN CEMETERIES
SALVATION ARMY CHRISTMAS BELL RINGING - DECEMBER (DATE TBD)

OAHU CHAPTER:

BINGO - OCTOBER 3 & NOVEMBER 7 ***
TAI CHI - OCTOBER 4 & 18 & NOVEMBER 1 & 15
UKULELE - OCTOBER 5 & 19 & NOVEMBER 2 & 16
MAH JONG - OCTOBER 6, 13, 20 & 25 & NOVEMBER 3 & 17
MOVIE DAY - OCTOBER 11
LINE DANCING - OCTOBER 12 & 26 & NOVEMBER 9
CRAFTS - OCTOBER 27
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, NATSUNOYA TEA HOUSE - DECEMBER 15

***OAHU BINGO IS OPEN TO NEIGHBOR ISLAND MEMBERS VIA ZOOM. IN ORDER TO RECEIVE YOUR BINGO CARDS, YOU MUST REGISTER BY CALLING TAMMY AT 808-543-0054 AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO BINGO.



**STATE, CITY, AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND RETIREES:
YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A KAISER PERMANENTE RETIREE PRESENTATION**

**Join this webinar to learn more about:
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Additional Kaiser Permanente member resources and services
Where you can find more information at your fingertips**

Please register at the link below for a webinar that's convenient for you:
webinars.on24.com/Medicare/EUTFOpenEnrollment2022.

MeleKalikimaka! LUNCHEON

OAHU CHAPTER

December 15 at 9:30 AM
Natsunoya Tea House
1935 Makanani Dr., Honolulu, HI 96817
Registration and payment due on November 10
(No refunds after November 10)
Limited valet parking available - \$6.
In lieu of a gift exchange, please bring a
canned good donation.

MAUI CHAPTER

December 14 at 9:30 AM
UPW Hall
841 Kolu St., Wailuku, HI 96793
Registration and payment due on November 10
(No refunds after November 10)
Canned good donations (optional) for the Maui
Food Bank is appreciated.

CUT & RETURN THE BELOW

OAHU CHAPTER LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

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

of Retiree Unit Members: ___ x \$10 each = \$ ___
of Guests: ___ x \$40 each = \$ ___
Total = \$ ___

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed registration form with payment by Thursday, November 10, 2022 to HGEA Retirees Unit, 888 Mililani St., Suite 401, Honolulu, HI 96813.

MAUI CHAPTER LUNCHEON REGISTRATION FORM

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

of Retiree Unit Members: ___ x \$10 each = \$ ___
of Guests: ___ x \$15 each = \$ ___
Total = \$ ___

Please make checks payable to "HGEA" and mail completed registration form with payment by Thursday, November 10, 2022 to HGEA, 2145 Kaohu St., Suite 206, Wailuku, HI 96813.

2022 General Election Endorsements

HGEA Island Division and State Political Action Committees, made up of members from all nine bargaining units, the Retirees Unit, and the managerial/excluded MCEC Unit, met to interview candidates seeking our support. Please consider these candidates as you cast your ballot in the November 8 General Election. Remember, this is an all-mail election — ballots will be mailed in mid-October, and you need to mail back your completed ballot right away to ensure your vote will be counted.

U.S. SENATE

Senate - Brian Schatz

U.S. CONGRESS

Congressional District 1 - Ed Case

Congressional District 2 - Jill Tokuda

GOVERNOR & LT. GOVERNOR

Governor - Josh Green

Lt. Governor - Sylvia Luke

STATE SENATE

Hawaii:

Senate District 1 - Lorraine Inouye

Senate District 2 - Joy San Buenaventura

Senate District 4 - Tim Richards

Maui:

Senate District 6 - Angus McKelvey

Senate District 7 - Lynn DeCoite

Kauai:

Senate District 8 - Ron Kouchi

Oahu:

Senate District 9 - Stanley Chang

Senate District 10 - Les Ihara

Senate District 11 - Carol Fukunaga

Senate District 12 - Sharon Moriwaki

Senate District 13 - Karl Rhoads

Senate District 14 - Donna Mercado Kim

Senate District 15 - Glenn Wakai

Senate District 16 - Brandon Elefante

Senate District 17 - Donovan Dela Cruz

Senate District 18 - Michelle Kidani

Senate District 21 - Mike Gabbard

Senate District 22 - Maile Shimabukuro

Oahu (cont.):

Senate District 25 - Chris Lee

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hawaii:

District 3 - Chris Todd

District 4 - Greggor Ilagan

District 6 - Kirstin Kahaloa

District 8 - David Tarnas

Maui:

District 12 - Kyle Yamashita

Kauai:

District 15 - Nadine Nakamura

District 16 - Jimmy Tokioka

District 17 - Dee Morikawa

Oahu:

District 19 - Mark Hashem

District 20 - Bert Kobayashi

District 21 - Jackson Sayama

District 22 - Andrew Garrett

District 23 - Scott Nishimoto

District 24 - Adrian Tam

District 25 - Scott Saiki

District 26 - Della Au Belatti

District 27 - Jenna Takenouchi

District 28 - Daniel Holt

District 29 - John Mizuno

District 30 - Sonny Ganaden

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (cont.)

Oahu:

District 32 - Micah Aiu

District 34 - Gregg Takayama

District 35 - Cory Chun

District 36 - Rachele Lamosao

District 37 - Ryan Yamane

District 38 - Lauren Cheape

Matsumoto

District 41 - David Alcos

District 43 - Stacelynn Eli

District 44 - Darius Kila

District 45 - Cedric Gates

District 47 - Sean Quinlan

District 48 - Lisa Kitagawa

District 49 - Scot Matayoshi

District 51 - Lisa Marten

OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

At-Large Trustee - Brickwood

Galuteria

At-Large Trustee - Keoni Souza

At-Large Trustee - John Waihee, IV

MAUI COUNTY

MAYOR - Richard Bissen

COUNTY COUNCIL

East Maui - Claire Carroll

West Maui - Tamara Paltin

COUNTY COUNCIL (cont.)

Kahului - Buddy Nobriga

South Maui - Tom Cook

Makawao-Haiku-Paia -

Nohe U`u-Hodgins

Upcountry - Yuki Lei Sugimura

Lanai - Gabe Johnson

Molokai - John Pele

OAHU

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

District II - Matt Weyer

District IV - Tommy Waters

District VI - Tyler Dos Santos-Tam

District VIII - Ron Menor

KAUAI COUNTY

MAYOR - Derek Kawakami

COUNTY COUNCIL

Addison Bulosan

Bernard Carvalho

Billy DeCosta

Luke Evslin

Ross Kagawa

Kipukai Kualii

Mel Rapozo

HAWAII

HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL

District 2 - Matthias Kusch

MAUI CHARTER AMMENDMENTS RECOMMENDATIONS

Commission Proposals 1, 2, 13 - OPPOSE

Commission Proposal 11 - SUPPORT

Commission Proposals 3-10 & 12 - NO ACTION TAKEN



SENATE DISTRICT 24 - NO ENDORSEMENT, NONE OF THE CANDIDATES ARE SUITABLE FOR SUPPORT OR ENDORSEMENT

DISTRICTS 11, 13, 14, HAWAII RESIDENT TRUSTEE VACANCY, COUNTY COUNCIL WAILUKU-WAIHEE-WAIKAPU - NO ACTION TAKEN, THE CANDIDATE DID NOT CONTACT HGEA FOR ENDORSEMENT CONSIDERATION IN A TIMELY MANNER OR AT ALL

SENATE DISTRICT 23 & DISTRICTS 5, 39, 40, 42, 46, 50 - OPEN, HGEA DID NOT ENDORSE A CANDIDATE

