

CHAPTER NEWS:

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

HAWAII CHAPTER:

- April 5, 2023 - Excursion to Hawaii Japanese Center. Registration has closed.
- April 22, 2023 - Genki Ball clean up of the Queen Liliuokalani Garden ponds.
- June 21, 2023 - General Membership meeting at 9 AM

KAUAI CHAPTER:

- May 15, 2023 - Movie Day at 10 AM
- June 19, 2023 - General Membership meeting

MAUI CHAPTER:

- May 16, 2023 - Movie Day at 9:30 AM
- May 23, 2023 - Hanafuda at 5 PM. Seating is limited so please call 808-244-5508 to RSVP.
- June 20, 2023 - General Membership meeting. RSVP to Steve at stplsd69@yahoo.com or call the office.

OAHU CHAPTER:

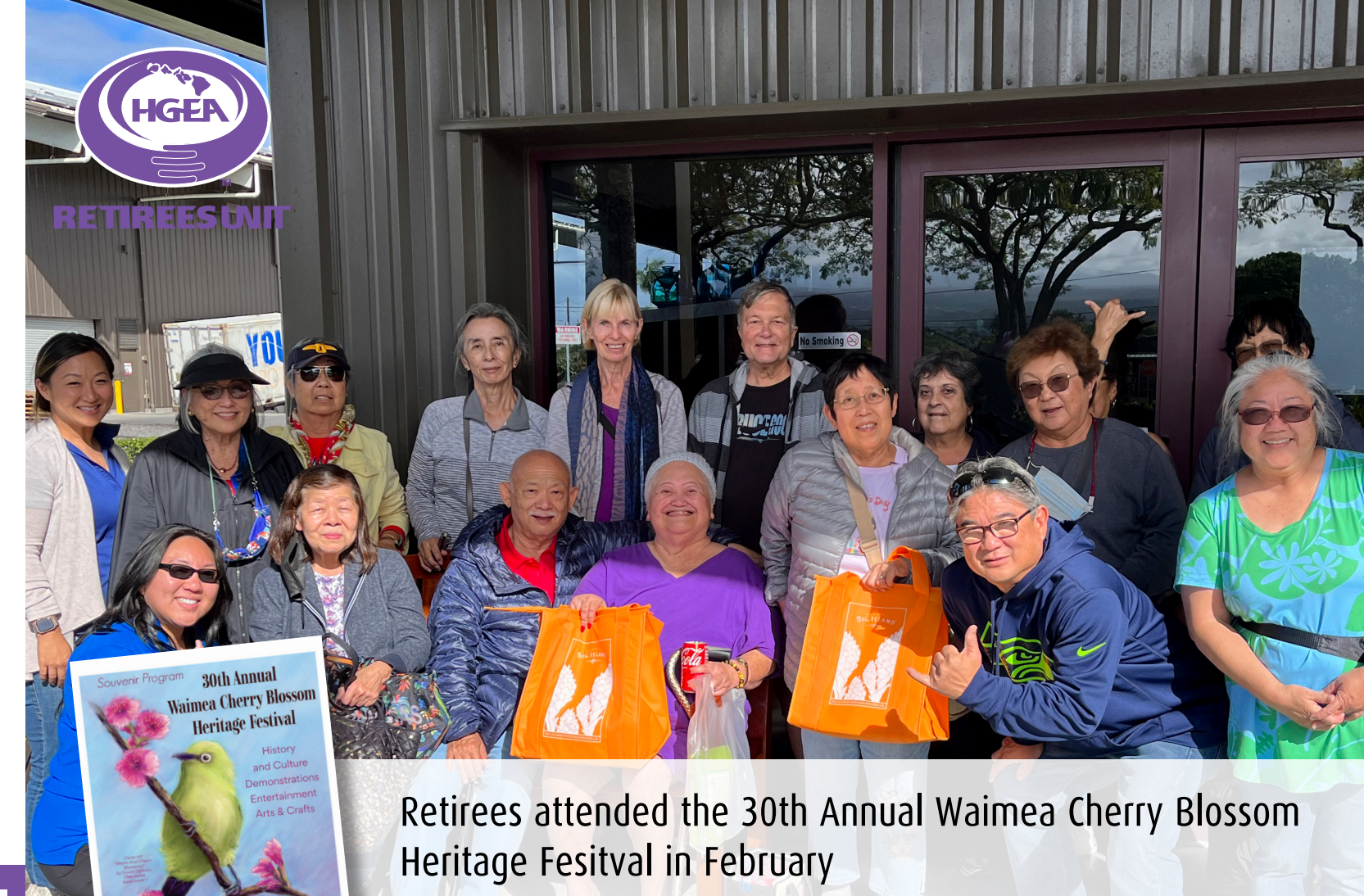
- April 4 & 18, 2023 - Tai Chi
- April 5 & 19, 2023 - Ukulele
- April 6, 11, 20, 25, 2023 - Mahjong
- April 12 & 26, 2023 - Line Dance
- April 13, 2023 - BINGO
- April 14, 2023 - Movie Day
- April 27, 2023 - Craft Day
- June 13 & 27, 2023 - Mahjong
- June 14 & 28, 2023 - Line Dance
- June 20, 2023 - Tai Chi
- June 21, 2023 - Ukulele
- June 22, 2023 - General Membership meeting
- June 29, 2023 - Craft Day

- May 2, 16, 30, 2023 - Tai Chi
- May 3, 17, 31, 2023 - Ukulele
- May 4, 9, 18, 23, 2023 - Mahjong
- May 5, 2023 - BINGO
- May 10 & 24, 2023 - Line Dance
- May 25, 2023 - Craft Day



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Retirees attended the 30th Annual Waimea Cherry Blossom Heritage Festival in February

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Celebrate International Women's Day!

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| Maya Angelou | Patsy Mink |
| Amelia Earhart | Elissa McBride |
| Ethel Fleming | Moms |
| Ruth Bader Ginsburg | Mother Teresa |
| Grandmothers | Rosa Parks |
| Kamala Harris | Pauahi |
| Mazie Hirono | Nancy Pelosi |
| Ketanji Brown Jackson | Condoleezza Rice |
| Sandra Day O'Connor | Eleanor Roosevelt |
| Elena Kagan | Sonia Sotomayor |
| Kapiolani | Jill Tokuda |
| Helen Keller | Harriet Tubman |
| Liliuokalani | Barbara Walters |
| Ruth Walker | Ann Widger |

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



As we mark the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine, please honor Ukraine's bravery and commitment to democracy for the people of the free world. Continue to keep Ukraine in your thoughts and prayers as they stand strong against Russian aggression. AFSCME's belief in human rights, wherever in the world they may be threatened, demands that we do what we can. At last year's General Assembly, HGEA delegates voted to adopt a resolution to declare February 24 as "Remember Ukraine Day." If you are in a place

to give, please consider contributing to one of the international relief organizations providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

Chapters have started to schedule more in-person meetings for outreach, chapter business, and community activities. Some examples include the Oahu chapter's upcoming lauhala presentation in May and Kauai chapter's movie day. I will also host a few spring retirement seminars with presenters from ERS and EUTF. Community activities are open to all members, and we are open to suggestions from members. If you have an idea for a community activity, please call your respective chapter office and the chapter president will contact you to discuss details.

We are also looking for volunteers to host classes or get involved in our homegrown stories program. For classes, we want to bring members together with shared interests such as cooking, sewing, painting, or gardening. The activity should be something that can be conducted in a classroom setting with supplies easy to obtain. We would also like to start a homegrown stories program so members can share their lived experiences with each other. If you are willing to host a class or participate in the homegrown stories program, please contact me.

I encourage you to participate in chapter activities as they are a great way to stay active and connect with new people.

As a reminder, HGEA's Retirees Unit will hold its 25th Biennial Assembly at the Hilo Hawaiian Hotel on June 7-8, 2023. The agenda has not been finalized, but it will include the election of officers and discussion of proposed bylaw amendments. We also strive to include presentations by inspiring speakers and development workshops for delegates.

Convention invitations will be sent to chapter delegates. In accordance with chapter requirements, invitations must be completed and returned for a delegate to be confirmed. Airline, hotel, and ground transportation will be provided for those who confirm.

Chapter elections took place in mid-March and we are pleased to welcome our new 2023-2025 chapter board members. See next page for a list of the elected officers and directors.

President Ethel Fleming's priority continues to be membership recruitment, so please help us spread the word on member benefits as a retiree.

Even though it's not an election year, I also ask you to please join our PEOPLE program for just \$8.40 a month. This AFSCME program helps level the playing field against the millions of dollars spent in elections to fund candidates who do not share the same values as unions. It's another way that you can support the political activities of unions, especially if you are limited in how you can physically participate in election season activities. HGEA staff and state and chapter board members have 100% participation in the MVP PEOPLE program. An AFSCME PEOPLE jacket is included as part of the sign-up process for MVP contributions. Please call me if you are interested in signing up as a PEOPLE member today.

Lastly, I would like to close with an important reminder for Medicare. If you are paying a higher Medicare Part B premium (the standard is \$164.90 for 2023), please submit your Social Security Administration letter to the EUTF, 201 Merchant Street, Ste. 1700, Honolulu, HI 96813 to receive the higher reimbursement. It's not too late!

Thank you for your continued support of the HGEA Retirees Unit.

Mahie

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