

CHAPTER NEWS:

General Election Day Tuesday, November 5

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

HAWAII CHAPTER:

All activities begin at 9 a.m.

- Oct. 9: Karaoke
- Oct. 30: Waiakea Bookfair
- October/November: Gift wrapping and Salvation Army bell ringing. More details TBA.

- Jan. 15, 2025: Holiday party

KAUAI CHAPTER:

- Oct. 21: Movie Day at 10 a.m.
- Dec. 2: Christmas Party, 10 a.m. at the Kauai Island Division office. RSVP to Joni at (808) 245-6751.

MAUI CHAPTER:

Call the Maui HGEA Office to register for events at (808) 244-5508.

- Jan. 11, 2025: Holiday party

OAHU CHAPTER:

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

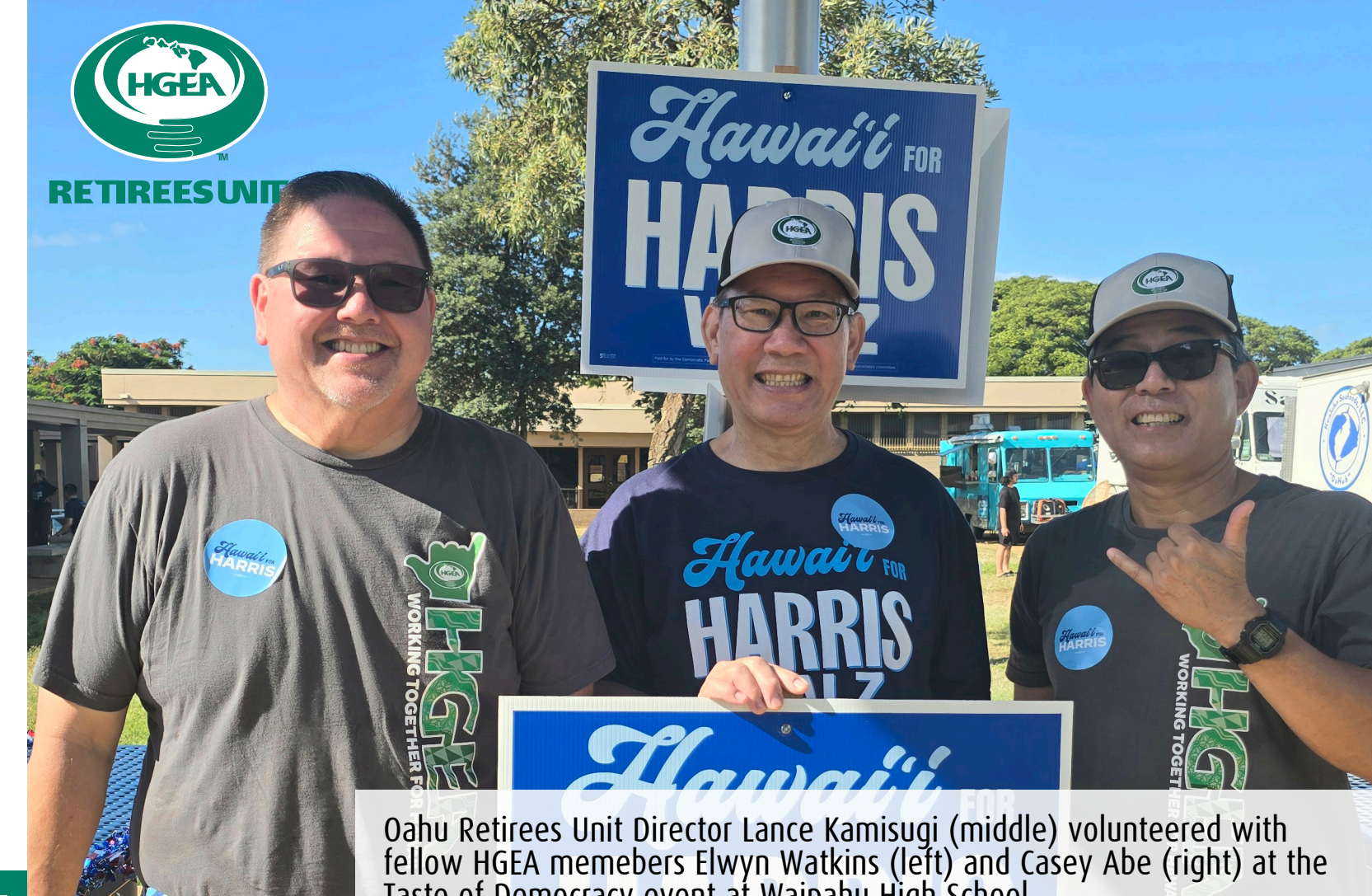
- Oct. 7, 15 & 29: Tai Chi
- Oct. 3, 17 & 22: Mahjong
- Oct. 9 & 23: Line Dancing
- Oct. 11 & 25: Karaoke
- Oct. 31: Crafts

- Jan. 18, 2025: Holiday party, Oahu Island Division office, 1st floor meeting room



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Oahu Retirees Unit Director Lance Kamisugi (middle) volunteered with fellow HGEA members Elwyn Watkins (left) and Casey Abe (right) at the Taste of Democracy event at Waipahu High School.

WORDFIND

Stay healthy as we head into the holiday season! Please consider getting vaccinated to protect yourself and others.

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| CDC | Johnson and Johnson |
| Care | Mask |
| Contact Tracing | Moderna |
| Contagious | Mouth |
| Cough | Nose |
| Cover | Pfizer |
| Disease | Respiratory |
| Droplets | Rest |
| Eyes | Risk |
| Fever | Sneeze |
| Flu | Social Distance |
| Health | Spread |
| Illness | Surface |
| Infection | Vaccine |
| Isolation | Virus |

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



Mahalo for supporting our HGEA endorsed candidates in the primary election! Our work, however, is not done as the general election is right around the corner.

Come November, we need your help protecting unions against Trump's Project 2025 by voting for the Democratic ticket of Kamala Harris for president and Tim Walz for vice president.

This issue also includes a list of more labor-friendly candidates that we've endorsed. Please take a look and consider voting for them when you receive your ballot.

President Ethel Fleming and I attended the 44th Retiree Council meetings and 46th International AFSCME Convention in Los Angeles from Aug. 9-16. We were inspired by a rousing speech from vice presidential candidate Tim Walz. AFSCME President Lee Saunders and AFSCME Secretary-Treasurer Elissa McBride also addressed the assembly. HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira was re-elected as international vice president for the AFSCME Board.

I'm pleased to report that the HGEA Retirees Unit was recognized for being in the top five of several categories for Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality contributions. To see Hawaii retirees accomplish this out of all the U.S. states and territories was truly an honor. Thank you to all our PEOPLE contributors. For those of you who aren't, please consider becoming a PEOPLE MVP for \$8.40 a month or \$100 a year so we can continue to educate our members on legislative equality and help the right candidates get elected.

We completed our statewide visit to island chapters featuring a presentation by Steve and Shane Adams of Pacific Financial Group. Thank you to those who attended. I hope you found value in the session. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the presenters. We look forward to providing more sessions with Steve and other vendors from our Makana Perks and Discounts program.

Initially scheduled for Sept. 12-14, HGEA's 27th Biennial General Assembly had to be postponed due to an ongoing labor dispute between our host hotel and Unite Here! Local 5 workers.

Lastly, I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I will be retiring on Dec. 1 after 33 years of service to HGEA. While I will miss the daily work of the union, I'm looking forward to spending more time with my loved ones and joining my soon-to-be fellow retirees in activities and adventures.

I have many people I want to thank. To start, thank you to President Ethel Fleming; all the state directors; Chapter Presidents Timmy Albao, Ava Kridler, Steve Criss, and Ruth Walker; chapter board directors; and committee members past and present for always supporting me and the Retirees Unit. Past presidents Paul Matsuo and Ruth Walker were always so supportive of this unit and me as its administrator. I also want to thank our previous executive director, Russell Okata, for hiring me in 1991 and current Executive Director Randy Perreira for giving me the opportunity of a lifetime when he offered me the position of retiree administrator 13 years ago. Finally, thank you to all my coworkers past and present, especially to my amazing Retirees Unit secretaries Tsuneko Yamamoto and Tammy Tanouye.

In solidarity,

Mahie



Electing labor-friendly lawmakers means better laws and quality of life for Hawaii's working families, so please consider voting for these candidates when you cast your ballot. Ballots will be mailed to you around Oct. 18. Be sure to mail yours back early, and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

U.S. PRESIDENCY
President - Kamala Harris
Vice President - Tim Walz

U.S. CONGRESS
U.S. Senate - Mazie Hirono
Congressional District 1 - Ed Case
Congressional District 2 - Jill Tokuda

STATE SENATE

Hawaii:
Senate District 3 - Dru Kanuha

Maui:
Senate District 6 - Angus McKelvey
Senate District 7 - Lynn DeCoite

Oahu:
Senate District 12 - *No action taken**
Senate District 16 - Brandon Elefante
Senate District 18 - Michelle Kidani

(Oahu cont.)
Senate District 22 - Cedric Gates
Senate District 23 - Ben Shafer

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hawaii:
House District 3 - Chris Todd
House District 4 - Greggor Ilagan
House District 5 - Jeanne Kapela
House District 6 - Kirstin Kahaloa
House District 7 - Nicole Lowen
House District 8 - David Tarnas

Maui:
House District 11 - Terez Amato
House District 12 - Kyle Yamashita
House District 13 - Mahina Poepoe
House District 14 - *No action taken**

Kauai:
House District 15 - Nadine Nakamura

(Kauai cont.)
House District 16 - Luke Evslin
House District 17 - Dee Morikawa

Oahu:
House District 20 - *No action taken**
House District 21 - Jackson Sayama
House District 22 - Andrew Garrett
House District 24 - Adrian Tam
House District 27 - Jenna Takenouchi
House District 29 - Ikaika Hussey
House District 30 - *No action taken**
House District 31 - Linda Ichiyama
House District 32 - *Open***
House District 34 - Gregg Takayama
House District 37 - Trish La Chica
House District 38 - Lauren Cheape Matsumoto
House District 39 - Corey Rosenlee
House District 40 - Rose Martinez
House District 41 - David Alcos
House District 42 - Anthony Makana Paris
House District 45 - Desire DeSoto
House District 46 - Amy Perruso
House District 47 - Sean Quinlan
House District 48 - Lisa Kitagawa
House District 49 - Scot Matayoshi
House District 50 - Mike Lee

HAWAII

MAYOR - Dr. Kimo Alameda

(Hawaii cont.)
COUNTY COUNCIL
District 1 - Heather Kimball
District 5 - Ikaika Rodenhurst
District 6 - *No action taken**
District 7 - *No action taken**
District 9 - James Hustace

MAUI

COUNTY COUNCIL
East Maui - *No action taken**
West Maui - Tamara Paltin
Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu - *No action taken**
Kahului - Tasha Kama
South Maui - Tom Cook
Makawao-Haiku-Paia - Nohe U'u-Hodgins
Upcountry - Yuki Lei Sugimura
Lanai - Gabe Johnson
Molokai - John Pele

KAUAI

COUNTY COUNCIL
Bernard Carvalho
Felicia Cowden
Billy DeCosta
Ross Kagawa
Arryl Kaneshiro
KipuKai Kualii
Mel Rapozo

* "No Action Taken" means candidates did not contact HGEA for endorsement consideration in a timely manner or at all.
** An "Open" endorsement means the union does not endorse a candidate.
*** "No Endorsement" means none of the candidates are suitable for support or endorsement.

VOTE YES FOR MARRIAGE EQUALITY CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
This would remove the Legislature's authority to reserve marriage for opposite-sex couples only.

2024 ELECTIONS

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an HGEA podcast

ENDORSES

Dr. Kimo Alameda
Hawaii County Mayor

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