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Retirees Unit attend PAC-tivities: press conference for HGEA's endorsement announcement of Sylvia Luke for Lieutenant Governor.

WORDFIND

Do you know what these acronyms stand for?

- AAPI Alliance of Asian and Pacific Islanders
- AFL-CIO American Federation of Labor & Congress of Industrial Organizations
- AFSCME American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees
- ALEC American Legislative Exchange Council
- AM Ante Meridian
- APALA Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance
- BFF Best Friends Forever
- BTW By The Way
- CC Carbon Copy
- ER Emergency Room
- ERS Employees Retirement System
- EUTF Employer Union Trust Fund
- GPS Global Positioning System
- HARA Hawaii Alliance of Retired Americans
- HECO Hawaiian Electric Company
- HGEA Hawaii Government Employees Association
- HIC Honolulu International Center
- HMSA Hawaii Medical Service Association
- HRT Honolulu Rapid Transit
- HSTA Hawaii State Teachers Association
- LGBTQ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer

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- LOL Laugh Out Loud
- MD Medical Doctor
- NBC Neal Blaisdell Center
- PM Post Meridian
- PO Post Office
- PS Post Script
- SSA Social Security Administration
- TSA Transportation Security Administration
- UPW United Public Workers

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATOR



School's out, summer is here, and HGEA is gearing up for Political Action! Let me hear it, CHEEHOO for phone banking, shaka waving, candidate forums, and the buzz of who is running for what seat. Seriously, the 2022 elections should be top of mind for all of us, from local council seats, state legislative seats, two mayors, and a governor race to our Congressional

elections. As you recall, we early endorsed Senator Brian Schatz, Speaker Scott Saiki, and recently endorsed Josh Green for Governor and Sylvia Luke for Lt. Governor. So get out your HGEA green shirts and volunteer.

If you do not have a shirt, be sure to ask for one at your first volunteer event. This Ho'olaha includes all the races that we have endorsed a candidate and even those that are open or not endorsed. You are welcome to get informed about who is in the race and make your selection.

With so much at stake, Roe v. Wade, gun reform, the Supreme Court and Judge nominations, plus our local concerns like Mauna Kea, Hawaiian Homelands, Education, Housing and water issues, the political arena is troubling. Republicans continue to refuse to look at legislation that the public supports and instead focus on more guns, voter suppression, and the last Presidential election. Gone are the days of bipartisan politics where a handshake meant something.

Many of today's politicians care only about the next election. So, Retirees, get active, participate, and make sure the counties have your current address because Hawaii is a Vote by Mail state. You should have received the yellow voter registration card in the mail that shows you are registered. If you did not receive the yellow card, call the Elections office on your island.

With the recent in-person State Board of Directors meeting, the HGEA Retirees Unit is back, (Continued on next page ...)

holding in-person meetings and activities statewide. I encourage you to reach out to your island Presidents to participate, suggest activities, and volunteer for PAC events. We are strongest when we work together.

President Fleming and I will attend the AFSCME Council of President's meeting and the AFSCME's 45th International Convention in Philadelphia in early July. Due to COVID-19, there are many changes to the Convention with instituted health and safety protocols. This year is not an election year for President Saunders and Secretary-Treasurer Elissa McBride.

I appreciate your continued support of the HGEA Retirees Unit. We are always recruiting new members. Please reach out to your friends, neighbors, and especially former coworkers to join you as an HGEA retiree member. Invite and encourage a non-member to a meeting or activity and introduce them to your island group. With membership decreasing in general in all avenues, please help your chapters by asking retirees to join. Let me know how I can assist you.

In solidarity,

Mahie



ELF'S CORNER

By President Ethel L. Fleming



Something I read recently, and now share with you:

'When You Get, Give'
14 Quotes About Volunteering
By: Joyce Chen

"At the core of volunteerism is the idea of giving back - recognizing that in order for our society to thrive, we all need to do our part. As an added bonus, studies have shown that volunteering actually benefits the volunteers themselves, too. In addition to reducing stress, volunteering has also been found to increase feelings of joy and gratitude, which in turn improves our mood, sense of optimism, and immune system. In other words, as the idiom goes, you get what you give." Below, we've collected 14 quotes that prove the veracity of that sentiment."

"As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands - one for helping yourself, the other for helping others." - Audrey Hepburn

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'" - Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead, anthropologist

"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth." - Muhammad Ali

"To ease another's heartache is to forget one's own." - Abraham Lincoln

"Wherever you turn, you can find someone who needs you. Even if it is a little thing, do something for which there is no pay but the privilege of doing it. Remember, you don't live in the world all of your own." - Albert Schweitzer, theologian

"Volunteers don't necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." - Elizabeth Andrew, writer

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." - Khalil Gibran, poet

"Volunteering is an act of heroism on a grand scale. And it matters profoundly. It does more than help people beat the odds; it changes the odds." - Bill Clinton

"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves." - Horace Mann

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless." - Sherry Anderson, writer

"The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world

CHAPTER NEWS:

Primary Election Day Saturday August 13, 2022

KAUAI CHAPTER:

- General Membership Meeting – June 13, 2022, 10 AM at HGEA
- Movie Day, July 5, 2022. HGEA office at 10 AM. Please call Joni at 808-245-6751
- Board meeting – September 6, 10 AM
- General Membership meeting – September 12, 2022, 10 AM at HGEA

MAUI CHAPTER: Call HGEA 808-244-5508 to confirm attendance.

- General Membership Meeting – June 14, 2022 9:30 AM at the UPW Hall. Call Steve, 808-280-1526 or stplsd69@yahoo.com
- Bingo – July 21, 2022, 5 PM at HGEA conference room. RSVP by July 18, 2022.
- Hanafuda – August 9, 2022 – 5 PM at HGEA conference room. RSVP by August 5, 2022.

HAWAII CHAPTER:

- General Membership Meeting/Luncheon – June 15, 2022, 8:30 AM – 1:30 PM, Hilo Hooganji.
- Relay For Life - July 16, 2022, Francis Wong Stadium. 5 PM set up. Sign up online to join HGEA team.
- Hilo Heart Walk – August 6, 2022. May be a virtual walk.

OAHU CHAPTER: All activities will begin at 9 AM RSVP to Oahu Office.

- Ukulele – June 1 & 15, July 6 & 20, August 3 & 17.
- Bingo – June 6, July 11, August 1.
- Tai Chi – June 7 & 21, July 5 & 19, August 2 & 16.
- Mah Jong – June 14, 23, 28 July 7, 21, 26, August 4, 11, 18, 23, 30
- Line Dancing – June 8 & 22, July 13 & 27, August 10 & 24
- Crafts – June 30, July 28, August 25
- General Membership Meeting – June 16, 2022, 9 AM at HGEA
- Movie Day, July 12, 2022. 9 AM

2022 Primary 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 out support. Please consider these candidates as you cast your ballot in the August 13 Primary Election. Remember, this is an all-mail election — ballots will be mailed in mid-July, 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 3 - Dru Kanuha

Senate District 4 - Tim Richards

Maui:

Senate District 5 - Gil Keith-Agaran

Senate District 6 - No Action Taken*

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

Oahu (cont.):

Senate District 19 - Henry Aquino

Senate District 20 - No Action Taken*

Senate District 21 - Mike Gabbard

Senate District 22 - Maile Shimabukuro

Senate District 23 - No Action Taken*

Senate District 24 - No Endorsement***

Senate District 25 - Chris Lee

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Hawaii:

District 1 - Mark Nakashima

District 2 - Richard Onishi

District 3 - Chris Todd

District 4 - Greggor Ilagan

District 5 - Open**

District 6 - No Action Taken*

District 7 - Nicole Lowen

District 8 - David Tarnas

Maui:

District 9 - Justin Woodson

District 10 - Troy Hashimoto

District 11 - No Action Taken*

District 12 - Kyle Yamashita

District 13 - Linda Clark

District 14 - No Action Taken*

Kauai:

District 15 - Nadine Nakamura

District 16 - Jimmy Tokioka

District 17 - Dee Morikawa

Oahu:

District 18 - No Action Taken*

District 19 - Mark Hashem

District 20 - Bert Kobayashi

STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (cont.)

Oahu:

District 21 - Jackson Sayama

District 22 - Open**

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

District 31 - Linda Ichiyama

District 32 - Micah Aiu

District 33 - No Action Taken*

District 34 - Open**

District 35 - Jolyn Prieto

District 36 - Rachele Lamosao

District 37 - Ryan Yamane

District 38 - No Action Taken*

District 39 - Open**

District 40 - Wayne Kaululaau

District 41 - Open**

District 42 - Makana Paris

District 43 - Stacelynn Eli

District 44 - Darius Kila

District 45 - Cedric Gates

District 46 - Open**

District 47 - Sean Quinlan

District 48 - Lisa Kitagawa

District 49 - Scot Matayoshi

District 50 - Open**

District 51 - Lisa Marten

MAUI COUNTY

MAYOR - Richard Bissen

COUNTY COUNCIL

East Maui - Claire Carroll

Wailuku-Waihee-Waikapu - No Action Taken*

Kahului - Buddy Nobriga

(cont.)

Molokai - John Pele

Upcountry - Yuki Lei Sugimura

Lanai - Gabe Johnson

West Maui - No Action Taken*

South Maui - Tom Cook

Makawao-Haiku-Paia - Dave DeLeon

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

Kipukai Kualii

Mel Rapozo

HAWAII

HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL

District 1 - Heather Kimball

District 2 - Matthias Kusch

District 3 - Susan "Sue" Lee Loy



HAWAII

HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL

(cont.)

District 4 - Ashley Kierkiewicz

District 5 - No Action Taken*

District 6 - No Action Taken*

District 7 - Rebecca Villegas

District 8 - Holeka Inaba

District 9 - No Action Taken*



* "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.