



HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION
Teaching Today for Hawaii's Tomorrow

Hawaii District HSTA-R

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Mele Kalikimaka everyone and a happy holiday season to all. We are all busy with family, gifts, and friends at this time of year. We are trying to select the best present for the right person. But, maybe, we should be thinking more about what we are going to receive. Each year I plan what to give and forget that I will receive as well. What to do with jugs of avaré, boxes of chocolate mac nuts, scrubbies, slippers, whatever.

Maybe if we would have been clearer by saying something to our friends and family like, "What I would really enjoy is a donation to my favorite charity" or "I would love to give hope to the hopeless this season by using the giving tree at the mall". We don't get what we would really enjoy because we don't speak up. Sometimes Santa needs hints.

I encourage all of the members to volunteer time this holiday season. Give as generously as you can. Offer hope to the hopeless and cheer to those bogged down by daily life. We at HSTA-R try to give back to the community when we can. Please come join us in giving back projects. Your time is valuable and we will cherish each moment you can work with us here on the Big Island.

What are you "getting" for Christmas? Place that order with Santa right now. Help others in this holiday season and feel the warmth of being of service to others in our community. Happy holidays to you and your families. May we all find peace in the season.

Niyati Brown, president

District Elections

Council has four (4) At-Large positions to be elected this year. Nominations are now open. Council meets six times a year. These meetings are the best opportunities to learn about HSTA-Retired and the issues and activities your State/District leaderships are addressing. We also plan community service activities and “fun” events. Current carryover Council members are Myrna Watanabe, Kim Springer, Bonnie Burke and Arleen Yoshimura. Please consider becoming a member, too.

Hawaii District also elects six (6) new delegates to the State Delegate Assembly. This is a one day meeting on April 24, 2015, at the Honolulu Country Club on Oahu. Air and ground transportation are provided by HSTA-R. Since this is the 20th anniversary for HSTA-Retired, special activities are planned for this year’s Assembly. Current carry over Delegates are Stephen Ono, Lois Shimizu, Arleen Yoshimura, Kim Springer and Virginia Halliday.

All positions are two (2) year terms. Election takes place at the Annual General Membership Meetings on January 29 and February 6, 2015. Interested members may submit nominations to our Election Chair, Avis Mortemore, by January 20, 2015, at 959-7920 or email mortemora001@hawaii.rr.com.

HSTA-R State Director’s Report – Lorraine Hora

Internet Security – Permission must be received from people before their personal information is listed on the website (State and District newsletters included).

Membership – Currently we have 5477 members statewide. Hawaii District increased by 5 to 755. Pre-Retirement workshops encouraged 25 teachers to sign up for NEA-R Life Membership.

Nine New Business Items were discussed and passed. Several, to clarify sections within our State ByLaws, resulted in 4 Proposed Amendments forwarded to the State Delegate Assembly.

Elections – Accountability for the submission of elected district delegates’ names to the State Election Committee rests with the District Election Chair and the District President.

2015 State Delegate Assembly – THIS YEAR ONLY – NO alternates are to be elected. Elected delegates, who are not able to attend, must sign and submit a “PROXY” form to the District President who submits same to the State President.

Motion made and passed to authorize and support Lanai HSTA-R members to form a Community Club if all conditions for a Club are met.

General Membership Meetings

West Hawaii –Thursday, January 29, 2015

WH Civic Center Conference Room

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Topics: Fall Prevention and Seated Strengthening Exercises

Lunch cost covered by WHCC for HSTA-R members.

Optional – bring a \$10 door prize.

RSVP to JoAnn Iwane by January 22 at 322-9386 or malobrka@gmail.com

LIVE WIRE

By: Arleen Yoshimura



Season's Greetings. I received this wonderful e-mail and my reply was... "Wow...thanks for sharing. What a Super Retirement you're having and just imagine...You've Only Just Begun. You Go Girl !!! You certainly are Living Life to its Fullest. I will include this in my next Live Wire." So here it is...

This is Bonnie Burke letting people know what I did in my first year of retirement. I was able to sing with the Hawaii Opera theater chorus for all three of the season productions Turandot, Carmina Burana coupled with Pagliacci and Gilbert and Sullivan's

Mikado.

I also volunteered with the Opera Theatre by doing some sewing with costuming, providing hospitality by picking up singers that flew in from out-of-state and finally, helping with production of the set by being a production runner. The runner is a gofer for the production director and it involved picking up materials needed by the tech crew.

This past summer, I went to Australia with a group of choral singers from Hawaii to participate in a festival in Sydney. The highlight was seeing Uluru in the red hot center of Australia.

This fall, I'm being a supernumerary for the Opera Theatre production of Madame Butterfly. Supers are commonly referred to as spear carriers. These are nonsinging roles and they function somewhat like extras in movie productions.

Also continue to volunteer with various outdoor groups that plant native or remove invasive species.

Any retirees interested in these activities should contact me. Unfortunately the Hawaii Opera Theatre work is entirely done on the island of Oahu. If you're planning to be there for even a week or two and it's the right time of year however, they are in need of your services.

Needless to say, I am not bored.

Sincerest appreciation to Bonnie. I invite everyone to write about themselves or other topics of interest. E-mail me at arleeny@hawaii.rr.com.

Here's wishing everyone a Most Joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year filled with All of the BEST !!! With Love & Humble Gratitude, Arleen

General Membership Meeting

East Hawaii - Friday, February 6, 2015

Nani Mau Gardens Lanai

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Topics: Better Choices Better Health

ADRC organizations and available services

Continental Breakfast and Lunch cost is \$20 (HSTA-R subsidizes \$10/member)

Non-member guest cost is \$30 per person.

Plumeria Menu Buffet Door prizes and raffle too

RSVP to Helen Tanaka by January 22 at 959-7693.



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New HSTA-R Members

Welcome to our newest members Diane M. Nagao, David V. Panoff, Lori K. Yamamoto, Carolyn W. Goff, Precille Boisvert, Dawn H. Gambone, Rita E. Pucong and Diane K. Aoki

Hawaii District Council 2014-2015

President - Cynthia Sallee-Brown

Vice President – Avis Mortemore

Secretary – Lorraine Hora

Treasurer – Lois Shimizu

Council At-Large – Arleen Yoshimura (1)
Bonnie Burke (1)
Kim Springer (1)
Myrna Watanabe (1)
Betty Ann Yoshimura (2)
Gary Kaku (2)
Ingrid Nishimoto (2)

WH Community Club President – JoAnn Iwane

MEMORIAM

Robert N. Hokama

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