



HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION  
Teaching Today for Hawaii's Tomorrow



## President's Report for September



The leaves are falling.  
The lava is flowing. The  
hurricane was raging.  
Welcome to my world  
here on the Big Island. As  
the autumn approaches, we

reflect and think back over the previous part of the year. It is a time to take stock and start planning for the winter months that will come soon.

Unlike our counter parts on the mainland, we do not have to wrap our pipes from freezing, winterize our cars, shovel, or slip slide around on ice. We have the luxury of being where it will be warm and mostly sunny this fall and winter.

Invite your friends and family to come join you in Hawaii. You can personally help the economy here by just a few invitations. Think about sharing your aloha in exchange for an economic boost to Hawaii that will raise tax

money to help our schools and teachers achieve their goals. We care.

Your district council has met and approved a budget and calendar for the coming year. You can get a copy from any board member. You are always welcome at our meetings in the basement conference room of the Lagoon Building. The next meeting will be held on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

We will also help with the pre-retirement workshops at the actives Institute Day on October 21<sup>st</sup>. at a High School near you. Show up. Volunteer. It will make you feel good to see old friends and be of service to others. We can use your help.

In December, we will be helping Hospice at Macy's in Hilo. Come be a part of the fun of raising awareness and collecting for Hospice. Shifts are available all day long. Just call if you would like to sign up with us.

Finally, have a great fall season with those that you love the most. Be of service. Be happy.

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## "LIVE WIRE"

By: Arleen Yoshimura



The following is the response I received from East HI members when I made a plea for help with my "Live Wire" column.

Niyati Brown, Our President, shared that even though she is officially retired she doesn't feel retired

because of all the volunteer work that she does for Lions Club, Democrats, Angels on Wheels, HARA,

and about 20 other groups mostly in leadership positions while also raising her granddaughter. For fun, she creates and designs jewelry. Marion Kittleson-Villanueva has been busy getting her house in Pahala ready for sale because she plans to relocate in Hilo. We wish her the Best of Luck !!! During retirement, Marion remarried and lost her husband two years ago. She is a Hospice Volunteer for many, many years and continues to work in community activities such as the Puerto Rican

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Heritage Society and the Holy Rosary Church in Pahala.

Tanya Lee recently got her certification for Teaching English as a Second Language (TESOL) by taking an Oxford Seminar in Honolulu. She's now doing an additional unit for teaching Business English. The big questions remain...where in the world and when will she actually teach? One possibility is to go to a Spanish-speaking country and live with a family to improve her basic Spanish while teaching English. We wish her much success !!!

Kim Springer is taking classes—sewing, quilting, lauhala weaving, and exercising. She pinch hits as a baby sitter and is getting back into photography & jewelry making. YOLO (You Only Live Once), so enjoy life is Kim's belief. To celebrate her retirement, Kim & her husband took a 2- week cruise to Australia &

New Zealand. She highly recommends a cruise to anyone who has yet to take one! She also teaches a craft class to 2 little girls once a week which often incorporates a lot of science and math. She would love to get together to sew or craft with other retirees.

Humble Gratitude to Niyati, Marion, Tanya and Kim for their contributions. Remember...retire from work, but not from life. Make every day count and keep counting Your Blessings.

P.S. One of my dear friends suggested that I write about living "harmoniously" with our adult children living at home. She asked for some tips and hope. Since my son & his family are in Honolulu and my daughter & her husband live in WA, I welcome feedback on this. My address is 112 Laula Road, Hilo 96720-5716 and my e-mail address is [arleeny@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:arleeny@hawaii.rr.com)

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## HSTA-R Board of Directors Report – Lorraine Hora

**Membership** – Total 5457 – Oahu 3751, Hawaii 735, Maui 540, Kauai 325, Other 15.

**Elections** – Approximately 1500 out of 5000+ members voted in the last election.

Timelines will change from postmark date to "received by 4:00 PM".

HSTA Convention – April 18-19, 2015      NEA-R Annual Meeting/NEA RA –  
June 27-30/ July 1-6

HSTA-R – 11 delegates to be elected      HSTA-R – 6 delegates to be elected

Nomination deadline – Friday, January 9, 2015, by 4:00 PM.

Ballot return deadline – Tuesday, February 17, 2015, by 4:00 PM.

PLEASE VOTE, especially for Big Island candidates, and mail the ballot in early.

HSTA-R State Delegate Assembly – Friday, April 24, 2015.

Hawaii District – 7 delegates will be elected at our General Membership Meetings.

**Communications** – website will be more active with timely updates. Visit

<http://www.hstaretired.org/>

**Government Relations** – HSTA/HSTAR opposes Constitutional Amendment to "Appropriate public funds for private early childhood education programs".

Retirees are encouraged to sign up for Absentee Voting or do Early Walk-in Voting.

**Pre-Retirement Cadre** – Teacher Institute Day for Hawaii Island is October 21. HSTA-R workshop presenters are: Kona @ Kealakehe HS – JoAnn Iwane. Virginia Halliday

Kohala @ Kohala HS – Glenn Fernandez

Hamakua @ NHERC – Cynthia Sallee-Brown

Hilo @ Hilo HS – Arleen Yoshimura/Lois Shimizu

**EUTF** – EUTF may have a Medicare Advantage program for retirees by October open enrollment.

Please review your EUTF Retirees Benefit Plans Reference Guide for more information when you receive the guide by mail.

## West Hawaii Community Club

### Line Dancing – Virginia Halliday

Learning to Line Dance is like learning a foreign language. It takes time and repetition. A group of retired teachers in the WHCC showed up on May 30<sup>th</sup> to learn line dancing. It was the first time for some of them so Virginia Lawson Halliday taught some basic steps. After a short repetition, music was played, 5,6,7,8, was counted and off they went dancing to a dance titled “Cupid Shuffle”. They enjoyed it and had so much FUN dancing Cupid Shuffle that they wanted to learn more dances. They were taught two more dances called “Ah Si” and the “Electric Slide”. Line dancing can be fun, aerobic, and a good way to get exercise.

### Hamakua Mushroom Tour – Eunice Saito

If you are looking for a unique place on the island to take visitors or even your family, consider Hamakua Mushrooms in Laupahoehoe. After a tour and tasting on Friday, September 5, 2014, some HSTA-R members and their guests have added it to their list of places to go. Twenty four people from Kona, Kohala, Waimea, and Hamakua took the tour. They were told that selected varieties of mushroom are grown in jars and a medium made of eucalyptus sawdust, wheat bran and ground corn cobs. Inside the facility, participants viewed an interesting video narrated by owner Bob Stanga, the helicopter pilot turned farmer. Viewing windows allowed us to see into an incubation room, a worker packing ali’I mushrooms, and a tray of pioppini mushrooms in the early stage of growth. Learning continued using the sense of taste during a cooking demonstration and sampling of items made with mushrooms. Fresh mushrooms were available for purchase along with a wide assortment of intriguing goodies from the gift shop. Admission is charged and tour reservations are required. A chef’s house is on the property, and wedding and party packages are available. For more information, check out [www.hamakuamushrooms.com](http://www.hamakuamushrooms.com).

**WANTED:** members willing to teach, and those willing to learn, how to make simple yarn or ribbon lei that we can create and give to honored guests at our many HSTA-R activities. Please contact Avis Mortemore @ 959-7920 or e-mail her at [mortemora001@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:mortemora001@hawaii.rr.com).

### Annual General Membership Meetings

West Hawaii – Thursday, January 29, 2015  
WH Civic Center Conference Room  
AARP Fall Prevention & others

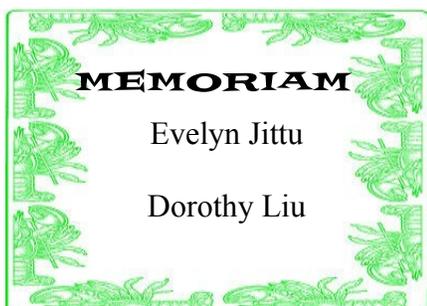
East Hawaii – Friday, February 6, 2015  
Details to follow

**DON'T  
★FORGET★  
TO VOTE!**



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### Welcome New HSTA-R Members

No more bell schedules, lesson plans, yard duties, and staff meetings. Freedom for Esther L. Kottke, Merle T. Yoshino, Althea A. Brooks, Theresa V. DeMello, Eileen M. Wagatsuma, Michael F. Wong, Nyla N. Tahara-Day, Carol L. Dodson, Charlene M. Okamoto, Charlotte H. Watanabe, Priscilla D. MacGregor, Elverita G. Toci, Noreen T. Hagio, Julia Williams, Dianna Gallina, Sherlette H. Shiigi, Marsha Jean Clement and John S. Oliver. Best wishes for a happy retirement and hope to see you at our activities.

### 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

**State Website:**

<http://www.hstaretired.org/>

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