



HSTA-R
Maui District

Keeping in Touch

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President's Report Delegate Assembly

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We Won! Maui District received the 2012-13 award for the most increased membership at the annual Delegate Assembly on April 26, 2013. We were presented with a plaque and a check for \$50. Many thanks go out to every new member who joined HSTA-R this year. We now have just over 500 members, including Moloka'i and Lana'i retired teachers. Greater numbers translates into greater clout when advocating for benefits with NEA and with the State legislature when retirement issues are raised.

The Delegate Assembly is the body which sets policy and maintains the viability of HSTA-R through its by-laws and fiduciary responsibilities. In addition, it is good to meet with teachers from around the State, many of them old friends, and to keep in touch with the activities of other retired teachers state-wide. This year we had a delegation of eight elected members, five from Maui, two from Moloka'i and one from Lana'i. If you are interested in attending, watch for the announcement of election of teachers early next year. Contact Sharmen Graydon for more information. sharmen@maui.net or 572-4756

Update Contact Information

Update your e-mail address or mailing address by contacting Nelson Chung.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

WHEN: May 23, 2013 - Thursday

WHERE: CAMERON CENTER AUDITORIUM

TIME: 9:30 - 11:30 AM
9:30 Business Meeting
10:00 Presentations
Who Do You Call?

Lunch will be served from Healthy Café: turkey meatballs, brown rice, taro. Lunch is free. Please contact Sharmen if you are staying for lunch.

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Deadline: Sunday, May 19.

Hale Mahaolu/Personal Care – Kathy Louis

- How do I qualify?
- Federal guidelines
- What programs are available?

Meals on Wheels – Luanne Fujimoto

- Who qualifies?
- What are the nutritional guidelines?
- Where are the meals prepared?
- What is Congregate Lunch?
- How can you volunteer?

RSVP – Dana Acosta

- Background of the Retired Senior Volunteer Program
- Federal guidelines
- How to get involved
- Value of Volunteerism for a successful retirement
- Stay connected and make new connections
- Where does assisted transportation come in?

Remembering Dottie

A memorial Koai'a tree was planted in loving memory of Dottie Aganos, retired HSTA-R teacher on the morning of March 23, 2013 at Waihe'e School where she taught for many years. The ceremony was attended by her son Kawika and many family members and friends on this beautiful Spring morning. Principal Lori Yatsushiro and Head Custodian Valente Madamba were very instrumental in implementing this project and HSTA-R is very grateful for their help.

Iola Balubar and her nephew Kamuwela Rodrigues presided over the ceremony with a Hawaiian blessing and prayer. A poem about dedicated teachers was read by a personal friend Linda Chong. Dottie's son Kawika helped with the planting of the tree and placing a plaque at the site in front of the school. Family, friends and fellow retired teachers presented leis and flowers.



Food Bank

Hunger hurts. Body, mind, spirit. Kids don't deserve to go hungry. Yet, too many will be without adequate nutrition this summer when they won't get the meals they need at school. You can help. On May 11 your USPS letter carrier will collect bags you have filled with non-perishable food and left at your mailbox. The donated food will stock the shelves of the Food Bank on Maui to help feed hungry children this summer. The students will get a flyer at school about the summer plans for the Food Bank. Please give generously. This message may reach you after May 11 but it is not too late to help these children and their families. In conjunction with American Savings Bank branches, the Food Bank will participate in the national program "Hunger Never Takes a Vacation". Paper bags will be distributed in the Maui News on Sunday, June 2. Filled bags can be taken to any American Savings branch until the end of June. Bags will also be available at our General Membership Meeting on May 23 at the MEO Building at the Cameron Center.

Do you know about the Backpack Buddy Program? During the school year students who are identified as needy are supplied with a backpack filled with individual servings of child-friendly foods to be taken home for weekend meals. The backpack is returned on Monday to school. Food from the Food Bank is packed by volunteers. Currently there is only one school participating but there is an effort to recruit more schools for participation next school year. Please contact Sharmen for more information or suggestions on how HSTA-R can be of help. sharmen@maui.net or 572-4756

In Memoriam

Dorothea Aganos
Felipe Barroga
Patrick Esclito
Archie Fukutomi
Joanne Jones
Janice Motooka
Alma Ng

Kenneth Nomura
Linda Ogata
Stanley Omuro
Liane Stewart
Jean Tanaka
Muriel Wright

The name of the new elementary school in Wailuku is **Pu'u Kukui Elementary School**. It will open this year. The principal is Chad Okamoto.

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2nd year Sharmen Graydon

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2006-2008 Leonard Habersham

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1995-2006 Flo Nakama

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Ray Hart

Outstanding HSTA-R Volunteer

What did you do when you retired from teaching? If you are like Ed Ginoza, you kept on teaching. Ed retired in 2000 after 31 years in the classroom. He has been the coach of Maui High's Science Bowl Team, Ocean Sciences Bowl Team, the Chemistry Olympiad and the Biology Olympiad as a volunteer. In addition, he has helped teachers with the math in the PPST and Praxis. Ed is currently assisting the AP Chemistry teacher at Maui High School.

Ed's science teams consistently placed in the top levels in competitions with other high schools. Maui High has been the only public high school to win the State Science Bowl since 2002. Two presidential scholars in 2002 and 2005 were from Maui High.

No wonder then, that Maui District HSTA-R nominated Ed for the Outstanding Volunteer of the year for 2012. Although the award went to a retired teacher from Kaua'i, we can be extremely proud of our fellow retired teacher. His commitment to public education, his students and to active teachers is outstanding.

Thank you, Ed.

Looking for Volunteers

The J. Walter Cameron Center is celebrating its 40th Anniversary this year. The Center is looking for volunteers to help with the Silent Auction on Saturday June 8 from 4:30 to 9:30 PM at the Yokouchi Estate. The Center provides many health and human services to Maui's community. One of the immediate goals is to replace the chairs in all three of the heavily used meeting rooms. Contact Debby Takahashi if you are interested. **298-6711**