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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I am reminded almost daily how fortunate I am to live on Maui. All the usual reasons come to mind, the natural beauty of our island, the warmth of the weather and the people; you know what I mean. And I count myself lucky to be a retiree in Maui County. As I attend classes at Kaunoa Senior Center almost daily, I marvel at the range of classes and services provided here.

And once a month, I attend the meeting of the Maui County Senior Citizens Planning and Coordinating Council at the Maui Economic Opportunity building in Wailuku. More than 50 clubs and organizations are represented on this Council where we share information regarding the rights and privileges of senior citizens, existing programs, services and common problems confronting the elderly. This group, sponsored by MEO, provides a wealth of information and inspiration for us seniors. They sponsor the Senior Fair in the fall. We have been a member of the Council since 2011, thanks to former HSTA-R Maui president Ray Hart who got us involved.

Our direct benefits have not only been the updates on information pertinent to our luncheons in Lahaina but also the upcoming trip to Ulupalakua and Kula. Our coordinator has been Agnes Goff, who has been tireless in working out the details for us. Now, she has retired. We welcome Agnes to the community of retirees!

We also welcome Zilpah Kaimiola as our new coordinator. She has a wealth of experience with MEO and has already helped with our upcoming excursion.

So, from Kaunoa, MEO, County Office on Aging and many more agencies and organizations, they all enrich the lives of seniors and help us maintain a meaningful, dignified and healthy lifestyle. I feel very lucky.

I hear and I forget.
I see and I remember.
I do and I understand.

Confucius

ULUPALAKUA & KULA EXCURSION

June 3, 2016 - Friday

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Tour of Tedeschi Winery Lunch at Kula Hospital Visit to Maui Nui Farm

- ❖ Please save the date if you are interested.
- ❖ The excursion is limited to 25 members. Everyone will ride the bus.
- ❖ There will be bus pick up at War Memorial Stadium and Pukalani Community Center.
- ❖ Please RSVP Sharmen ASAP as first come, first served.
- ❖ More information will be forthcoming.

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HSTA INTERVIEWS

Sharmen Graydon

It comes as no surprise that this is an election year. Advocating for children and teachers with our legislators is a major role of HSTA with HSTA-R adding the issues of retirees to the list of legislative priorities. Determining which candidates are most likely to work for us and our issues is done by the Governmental Relations Committee of HSTA. We in HSTA-R assist with that process by joining in the interviews of candidates who have asked for our endorsement. On Saturday, April 23, Steve Harman and I joined with members of the Executive Board of the Maui Chapter of HSTA in interviewing candidates for the 12th and 13th House Districts. Only non-incumbents were interviewed, as incumbent candidates have a track record on support of our issues. Our recommendations will be reviewed by the Governmental Relations Committee at its meeting on May 1 and will then be forwarded to the Board of Directors of HSTA who make the final decision regarding endorsements. It is important that active and retired teachers combine their strengths to assure the election of legislators who understand our issues and will advocate for us at the Legislature. Unity is powerful.

HSTA-R MAUI COUNTY DISTRICT ELECTIONS

The results of the elections held at the General Membership Meeting held on February 11, 2016 are as follows:

President	Sharmen Graydon
Vice President	Steve Harman
Council	Amy Arakaki Jackie Davis Leonard Habersham

The term of office is 06/19/2016 – 06/20/2018.

Delegate Assembly

Moloka'i	Roberta Sally Mangca	[2016 & 2017]
Maui	Myrna Fung	[2016 & 2017]
	Steve Harman	[2016 & 2017]
	Jane Tesoro	[2016 & 2017]
	Marilyn Ueno	[2016 & 2017]
	Ray Hart	[2016 Successor Delegate]

Note: Myrna Fung has declared that she will not be able to attend the 2016 Delegate Assembly. Ray Hart will take her place as the Successor Delegate. Myrna will remain the delegate for the 2017 Delegate Assembly.

Congratulations and mahalo to all for your willingness to serve your fellow retired teachers.

HSTA MAUI CHAPTER ELECTIONS

On Thursday, February 18, 2016 the following HSTA-R members assisted with the HSTA Maui Chapter elections:

Amy Arakaki	at H. P. Baldwin H. S.
Cecilia Balinbin	at Lahainaluna H. S.
Nelson Chung	at Lokelani Intermediate
Sharmen Graydon	at Maui Waena Intermediate
Steve Harman	at Kalama Intermediate

Mahalo for supporting HSTA.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **June 3, 2016 - Friday**
Field trip to Ulupalakua & Kula
- **July 23, 2016 - Saturday**
Kupuna Aloha Luncheon
Grand Wailea
- **December 8, 2016 - Thursday**
Christmas Luncheon
Kahili Restaurant

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.

Albert Einstein

DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

Sharmen Graydon

Delegates to the 2016 Delegate Assembly will be presented with the results of the recent survey of HSTA-R membership regarding their level of satisfaction with the work of the organization. In focus groups on O'ahu and phone calls to neighbor island members, opinions were collected and a report has been issued on the results. Working in small groups, the delegates will determine the way forward based on the input gathered. Results will be forthcoming.

CLASS ACTION SUIT LETTER

Sharmen Graydon

If you received a letter regarding a class action suit involving the company Unum, do nothing. Yes, do nothing. The suit does not involve the NEA so do nothing, as reported by Membership Chair Yvonne Tavares. More information will be reported after the Delegate Assembly on April 16, 2016.

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Vice President	Larry Kawasaki
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Representative	Kathy Brindo Alan Emmel

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SHARMEN'S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

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This new account is dedicated to HSTA-R business.

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

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IN MEMORIAM

Patricia Bal	Karen Fukushima
Frances Oshita	Annette Yoda

2016 NEA RETIRED ORGANIZING CONFERENCE

Steve Harman

This year I represented Maui at the 2016 NEA Retired Organizing Conference held in San Diego from March 22nd to the 24th. I met the other Hawaii attendees who flew in from Honolulu at the Sheraton San Diego, site of the conference. We had a day to recover from our red eye flights and to look over the agenda. Conference information was on an app sent to the attendees. It eliminated reams of paper and gave us access to the bios of the keynote speakers and breakout presenters. For each speaker or presenter, we could review their delivery and find the rooms on an interactive hotel map. Other pages gave interactive schedules, information on attendees, maps, an Uber link, hotel information and write-ups on the PAC and scholarship funds. For anyone with a tablet or smart phone, it was a perfect use of technology.

The first day turned out to be for the state presidents, giving some of us a chance to explore San Diego. Most of the Hawaii delegates went shopping while I rode a bus from the airport to downtown and explored there on foot. I walked through the Gas Lamp Quarter, Little Italy and part of Balboa Park before walking back to the hotel along the Embarcadero waterfront. Part of the conference app by CrowdCompass included an interactive map of the city. Lucky for me I had a paper map because I forgot to bring my backup battery pack for the iPhone and it ran out of battery power by midday. Always expect that technology will fail you when least convenient.

That evening started with the first general session and we planned what breakout sessions to schedule the next day. Day two began with another general session and then breakout sessions. In the morning I went to two sessions. One was on brain health including why we forget things as we get older and how to prevent memory loss. Another session was on preventing identity theft. In the afternoon, I watched members of our Hawaii delegation present a session on Live Aloha! A Taste of HSTA-R's Aloha and ended the afternoon with a session devoted to Social Security and Medicare.

On the last day a general session and live auction concluded the conference, giving us some free time before we needed to fly home. Everyone went off in a different direction. I visited the Maritime Museum with a chance to explore several historic ships and submarines. I will always remember the Soviet submarine with its efficient plan that did not take human comfort into consideration. Before going on board, you have to go through a practice thirty inch circular "door" so you don't get stuck somewhere below decks. Inside the sub, visitors need to crawl through several of these watertight doors while touring the boat.

I packed, checked out and it's off to the airport for an easy trip back to Maui with free food for the trip compliments of Jean Dobashi of Kauai. I was glad I am in the TSA PreCheck program to avoid the long lines at San Diego Airport security. When I got to Honolulu Airport I stayed inside the main terminal to make my way to the Hawaiian gates without having to go through the security checkpoint there. At Kahului my luggage came onto the carousel just as I got there. A perfect return trip!

Christmas Luncheon

Kahili Restaurant - December 4, 2015

Honoring Brenda



Fun!



Prizes



Good music

Great company



*Kudos to Jackie Davis & Pat Lopez for organizing this event.
Mahalo to the Kahili Restaurant.*



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