



HAWAII STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION-RETIRED

MAUI COUNTY DISTRICT

# Keeping in Touch

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Lucky we live Maui! I learned more about our luck when I attended a session called "The Good, the Bad, the Ugly" last month on O'ahu with our VP Steve Harman. The event was hosted by the **Hawai'i Association of Retired Americans [HARA]** to review this year's legislative session. It was attended by members of many senior and union organizations from around the State. Several legislators met the group to discuss the actions taken this year. They expressed their views and then took questions and remarks from the audience.

In that meeting I learned that Hawai'i leads the nation in addressing the needs of kupuna by the legislature. The **Kupuna Care Program** receives more than \$ 9 million to provide services to seniors and caregivers. Further, **the Aging and Disability Resource Centers [ADRC]** and the **State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** receive legislative support to maintain services to our kupuna. 31% of the **Area Agencies on Aging** nationwide receive no support from their state legislatures.

We in Hawai'i are fortunate to have a cultural commitment to our elders, legislators committed to ensuring the well-being of our kupuna and support for those who provide care to their loved ones. Our County government is also strongly committed to such support. One of the jewels of Maui County's programs for kupuna is **Kaunoa Senior Center**. Many of us take advantage of the leisure program and the wide range of classes and experiences offered there. That is just the beginning of the help the wonderful staff provides. At our next General Membership Meeting on June 15, Dana Acosta from Kaunoa will join us to describe the many services available through that facility.

I am constantly amazed by the assistance available to the kupuna on Maui. Please join us on June 15 to learn more and to appreciate the commitment by our State and County legislators to our well-being.

### IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **June 15, 2017 - Thursday**  
General Membership Meeting  
MEO Building  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
- **December 8, 2017 - Friday**  
General Membership Meeting  
Christmas Luncheon  
Kahili Restaurant - Waikapu  
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

## HSTA-R GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

June 15, 2017 - Thursday

**MEO BUILDING - In back of the Cameron Center**

- 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM** Sign In
- 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM** Business Meeting
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM** Presentation by Dana Acosta  
**Kaunoa Senior Center**

Dana will describe the many services that the **Kaunoa Senior Center** provides.

- Lunch will be provided compliments of **HSTA-R MAUI COUNTY DISTRICT**. There will be a nominal charge for guests.
- Please bring two canned goods to support the **Maui Food Bank**. Mahalo!
- An **RSVP** would be appreciated.  
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## ANNUAL MEO KUPUNA LUNCHEON

**GRAND WAILEA**  
July 29, 2017 - Saturday



- Cost to **HSTA-R** member is \$20. Full cost is \$41. Payment will be collected at the luncheon.
- Please indicate if you will be taking the **MEO** bus from the **War Memorial Stadium**.
- Please **RSVP** by **June 15, 2017**. Tickets are limited.

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## HSTA-R MAUI COUNTY DISTRICT

The present membership count for **HSTA-R MAUI COUNTY DISTRICT** is **595**.

## ELECTIONS

Elections were held on February 7, 2017 at the **HSTA-R MAUI COUNTY DISTRICT** General Membership Meeting. The newly elected officers will serve from June 01, 2017 to May 31, 2019. The results are as follows:

<b>Secretary</b>	Linnea Francis
<b>Treasurer</b>	Debby Takahashi
<b>Council</b>	Glenda Anderson Cecilia Balinbin Nelson Chung Patricia Lopez Marilyn Ueno [replacing Amy Arakaki]
<b>Delegate</b>	Glenda Anderson Cecilia Balinbin Ray Hart Debby Takahashi Leonard Habersham [Successor 1] Marilyn Yuen [Successor 2]
<b>Lana'i Delegate</b>	Nora Kawasaki

Congratulations and mahalo to the new officers for their willingness to serve their fellow teacher retirees.

Please support the work that they do for **HSTA-R MAUI COUNTY DISTRICT**.

## HELP NEEDED

Debby Takahashi

Teachers, remember how busy the first days of school were? Well, the Maui Waena Intermediate teachers have an additional burden this coming school year!

Since the Science and Math building is finally completed, the Language Arts and Social Studies departments will also be moving into different classrooms. They could really use your help getting organized.

Don't worry, commercial movers have been hired to carry the boxes, but the teachers could use your help with various things inside the classroom.

Great community service! Lunch will be provided. Bring a friend.

Contact Debby Takahashi at [mauitaka@gmail.com](mailto:mauitaka@gmail.com) or 298-6711.

Maui Waena Intermediate School

August 1, 2017 - Tuesday

9:00 AM



## DOE CALENDAR 2017 - 2018

▪ <b>August 1 - 4</b>	Teacher Work Days
▪ <b>August 7</b>	First Day for Students
▪ <b>August 18</b>	<i>Hawai'i Statehood Day</i>
▪ <b>September 4</b>	<i>Labor Day</i>
▪ [ <i>October 5 - 8</i> ]	<i>95th Maui County Fair</i>
▪ <b>October 9 - 14</b>	Fall Break
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▪ <b>November 10</b>	<i>Veterans Day (obs.)</i>
▪ <b>November 23 - 24</b>	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
▪ <b>Dec 22 - Jan 4</b>	Winter Break
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▪ <b>January 5</b>	Teacher Workday No Students
▪ <b>January 15</b>	<i>Martin Luther King Day</i>
▪ <b>February 12 - 16</b>	Teacher Institute Day Date TBD
▪ <b>February 19</b>	<i>Presidents' Day</i>
▪ <b>March 19 - 23</b>	Spring Break
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▪ <b>March 26</b>	<i>Kuhio Day</i>
▪ <b>March 30</b>	<i>Good Friday</i>
▪ <b>May 28</b>	<i>Memorial Day</i>
▪ <b>May 31</b>	Last Day for Students
▪ <b>June 1</b>	Last Day for Teachers

## SCAM ALERT

Zilpah Kaimiola, P&CC Senior Coordinator  
Maui Economic Opportunity, Inc.

We got a report yesterday that one of our Kupuna had her wallet stolen from her home. Someone posing as an **MEO** employee asked if she could use the Kupuna's bathroom and stole her wallet from her home.

If anyone comes to your home posing as an **MEO** employee, ask them for their **MEO ID**. We always wear our identification when we are working. Try to get a picture of them if you can. The only **MEO** employees who do home visits are the Head Start case workers. All other employees will never ask to enter your home for any reason. Please advise your club members of this scam.

If you have any questions, please call me at **243-4360**.

Please be safe!

Zilpah

The above message was sent in early May to Sharmen by Zilpah Kaimiola, P&CC Senior Coordinator - MEO.



## IN MEMORIAM

Jack Spock



Robert Roddy

## PASSPORT APPLICATION & RENEWAL

If you are planning on traveling to a foreign country, apply for or renew your passport early. Do it at least nine months in advance. If you already have a passport, be sure it is valid for at least six months after the date you enter a foreign country. This is a requirement of many countries and some airlines.

If you are applying for a passport for the first time, you need to make an appointment to process the application in person. The form **DS-11** can be downloaded from the website

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html>. When picking up the application **Form DS-11**, make sure it is the most current. Applications and processing are available at the following locations:

<i>Haiku Post Office</i>	<b>575-2614</b>
<i>Ho'olehua Post Office</i>	<b>567-6144</b>
<i>Kahului Post Office</i>	<b>871-2487</b>
<i>Kaunakakai Post Office</i>	<b>553-5845</b>
<i>Kihei Post Office</i>	<b>879-1987</b>
<i>Kula Post Office</i>	<b>876-1056</b>
<i>Lahaina Post Office</i>	<b>661-0904</b>
<i>Lana'i City Post Office</i>	<b>565-6517</b>
<i>Makawao Post Office</i>	<b>572-0019</b>
<i>Pa'ia Post Office</i>	<b>579-8866</b>
<i>Wailuku Post Office</i>	<b>871-1352</b>
<i>UH Maui College</i>	<b>984-3474</b>

The **UH Maui College Office** is highly recommended for the assistance it provides.

If you are renewing your passport book/card, you can do it by mail. The **Form DS-82** can be picked up at the above locations or downloaded online from the website <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en.html>.

Downloading the application allows for filling in the fields electronically. The website provides additional information and fee schedules. Read the instructions for the application carefully in regards to procedures and requirements. Mail your passport application and personal documents in an envelope large enough to fit the application without folding. If you mail your application with **Priority Mail®** or **Priority Mail Express™** [for overnight delivery requests], tracking is included.

Passport photos may be taken at Kinkos, Walmart, Costco, Longs and Walgreens.

Standard processing time is six to eight weeks. The total cost for first time adult passport book [\$110] and card [\$30] is \$140 plus a \$25 execution/acceptance fee for a total of \$165. The execution/acceptance fee is paid directly to the acceptance facility in cash. There is no execution/acceptance fee for renewal of the adult passport book and card. Expedited processing is two to three weeks for an additional fee of \$60. In an emergency there is **expedited at agency** processing that may take 1 – 12 days for an additional fee along with restrictions that may apply. For this service, you must go to the **Honolulu Passport Agency**.

## SOME OVERSEAS TRAVEL TIPS

- Make copies of your travel documents and store them in a location separate from the originals. You can make copies and email them to yourself. Leave copies with someone who can email them to you.
- Notify your credit card company that you will be traveling overseas. Check if there are any transaction fees. Have at least one other credit card. The cards need to have a chip. Have the credit card numbers and the phone number of the issuer.
- Consider getting travel insurance.
- Get the necessary shots and check that your prescriptions are renewed.
- Store your travel documents and credit cards in a RFID protected wallet.
- Have an extra amount of cash stashed for emergencies.
- Take a hat/scarf and a lightweight hooded jacket
- Wear comfortable clothing and shoes.
- Take clothing that can be washed and will dry overnight.
- Have a first aid kit. Pack ear plugs and sanitizer wipes. Take an extra pair of glasses.
- Pack your medications, toiletries and extra clothing in your carry-on.
- Stay hydrated. Take snacks.
- Pack an extra USB charger, a flashlight and a travel power adapter.
- Have packs of tissue, especially where toilet paper may not be readily available.
- Tag your bags with some unique identification that will stand out. Do not take more than two bags.

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## MEDICARE

If you are on Medicare, it is your primary health insurance. Your secondary insurance is HMSA, Kaiser, etc. Whatever is not covered by Medicare should be covered by your secondary insurance. If after a visit to your doctor you receive a claim, check to see whether it was submitted to your secondary insurance.

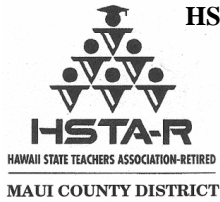
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## UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please update your email or USPS address by contacting Nelson Chung. Thank you.

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