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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to 2014, the Year of the Horse. I can hardly believe that it was a year ago that I was writing the New Year's message for 2013. Since that time your HSTA-R Oahu Council, largely through the efforts of Tom Aitken and Rose Shin, have improved our outgoing communications by implementing an email system which can send out timely information to our 1560 members who have submitted valid addresses. This improved information system has enabled Kathy Tanaka, our community outreach committee head, to inform and solicit volunteer members for various service projects.

At our two HSTA-R General Membership Meetings, we collected approximately \$1,000.00 in cash donations and 40 boxes of food and school supplies. Member volunteers also assisted with The Children and Youth Day event, with the Hawaii Pacific Health activities, and with the Salvation Army's Angel Tree Project. I am hopeful that as we connect with the community, more teachers will become involved in our community outreach focus.

Our last "C" focus, Connections, has centered on our meetings with members. At our well attended General Membership meetings, the council has had an opportunity to meet members and get their input. Through returned evaluation sheets, it was suggested that we delay the beginning of the meetings, so we changed the registration/coffee time to begin at 9:00 am instead of 8:30. Another concern was lack of confirmation notice. At the upcoming February meeting, we are planning to notify each attendee via email or phone, of their registration status. Your suggested topics are also considered in planning future meetings.

At our February General Membership Meeting we will be holding elections for your Oahu district officers, council members and delegates to the Delegate Assembly in April. I would encourage you to participate in this process.

2014 presents opportunities for new possibilities. With the election of crucial state and national leaders, we can play an influential part in the outcome. Be ready to be involved and mobilized.

Sincerely,

Joanne R. Ing  
Your HSTA-R Oahu President

**IMPORTANT & TIME SENSITIVE  
IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY! GO NOW!**

## NOMINATION FORM FOR 2014 ELECTIONS HSTA-R OAHU DISTRICT

On Monday, February 10, 2014. We will be holding a membership meeting to nominate and to elect:  
 Officers: President, Vice-president, Secretary and Treasurer (2 year term)  
 Four Council Members ( 2 year term)  
 Two Council Members (1 year term)  
 Approximately 29 new delegates (2 year term)

We are entitled to 61 delegates but we do have 32 holdover delegates. The following hold-over members need NOT run this 2014 election:

Tom Aitken	Phyllis Ida	John Park , Jr.
George Butterfield	Rebecca Kanekoa	Clarice Roby
Inez Butterfield	Haunani Kauahi	Michael Rude
Joanne Chikuma	Linda Kim	Sandra Vegas
Lillian Ching	Esther King	Pauline Wagnon
Barbara Coons	Mae Kishimoto	Justin Wong
Ann Fageroos	Erma Marshman	Geraldine Yamashita
Jeannie Fujii	June Motokawa	Elaine Yang
Odetta Fujimori	Juliet Murakami	Saeko Yoshida
Karen Ginoza	Charlene Murata	Linda Yuen
Jacqueline Ho	Darlene Pang	

We will begin the nomination period with this newsletter notice and complete the nomination at our February 10th meeting at Waialae Kahala Country Club. Officers, Councilmen, and Delegates will be **Elected** at this meeting. If you can't be there to turn in your nominations yourself, please mail it in, email, call or either you or a friend may bring it to the meeting.

### NOMINATION FORM HSTA-R OAHU DISTRICT

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE/CELL: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**OFFICE RUNNING FOR:**

- PRESIDENT     
  VICE-PRESIDENT     
  SECRETARY     
  TREASURER  
 COUNCIL (2-YEARS)     
  DELEGATE     
  COUNCIL (1-YEAR)

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:  
 Lillian Ching & Clarice Roby, Election co-chairs  
 c/o 45-1014 Paaila Place  
 Kaneohe, HI 96744

Phone: 235-1627      Email: [lillianching@aol.com](mailto:lillianching@aol.com)

# HSTA-R GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BUFFET LUNCHEON RSVP

“Making the Most of Your Retirement Resources”

Monday, February 10, 2014 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Waialae Country Club, 4997 Kahala Avenue, Honolulu - Waialae Room

## AGENDA:

- 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Registration/morning refreshments  
9:30 – 10:30 a.m. General Business Session/Elections  
10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break  
10:45 – 10:55 a.m. Door prizes  
10:55 – 12:00 noon Presentation on retirement funds by Susan Hays, financial advisor  
12:00 – 12:20 p.m. Closing remarks/announcements/door prizes  
12:20 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

As part of our community service, we are collecting personal hygiene items for the victims of domestic abuse. Please join our efforts by bringing your donations to the meeting.

**COMPLETED FORM AND PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2014.** You will receive confirmation either by telephone or email.

**Make checks (non-refundable) payable to HSTA-R Oahu.** Send the check and completed form to:  
**Sha Murata**  
**94-421 Kealakaa St.**  
**Mililani, HI 96789-2666**

Because of the venue, seating is limited. Payment includes lunch, beverage, and morning refreshments.

RSVP for February 10, 2014 HSTA-R Oahu General Membership Meeting/Buffer Luncheon

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

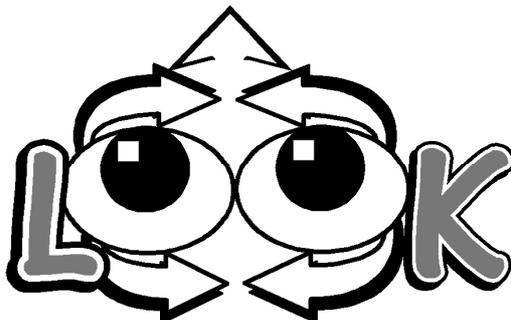
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of MEMBERS attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

No. of GUESTS attending \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names of ATTENDEES: (Please print.) \_\_\_\_\_

**ACTION REQUIRED**  
**Nominate**  
**Someone or Yourself**  
**THIS MEANS YOU!**  
**SEE PAGE 2**



**RSVP**  
**Page 3**  
Must be RECEIVED BY  
January 24th, 2014



# IMMEDIATE ACTION NEEDED INSIDE PAGES 2&3

## COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

By Rose Shin & Tom Aitken

Valid email count:  $1,560 + 16 = 1,576$

An additional 269 emails addresses are bouncing and are probably invalid.

The list has grown slightly, but we expect it to stabilize around this level.

Remember that Council members can send messages to the membership by sending an email to [hstaroahu@googlegroups.com](mailto:hstaroahu@googlegroups.com).

We will be sending out the Oahu district newsletter both via email and US mail for the remainder of the school year. Beginning September 2014 the plan is to send email copies of the newsletter to those on email list, and printed copies to the rest of the membership. If you have asked to receive a printed copy, you were removed from our email list.

Our most current newsletter is posted on the State HSTA-R site. If you would like information regarding Oahu district, go to [hstaretired.org](http://hstaretired.org) and click on the Oahu district and you can view what we have posted.

If you have given us your email address and have not currently received information from us, you may be one of the 269 whose email address is not valid. Please inform us of your most current email address by calling the HSTA-R office at 833-2711 Ext. 258 and leave a message.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Did you know that 1 out of 5 suffers from Arthritis? You may know one of these people.

We have chosen to form a team to raise money for the Hawaii Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. Our goal is to raise \$2700 which entitles us to a tent and participation in special activities.

Save Sunday morning, June 1, 2014 for the Hawaii Arthritis Walk around the state capitol.

Come to our next General Membership (February 10, 2014) to hear the details. We will be registering interested participants at this meeting. More information forthcoming.



## CALENDAR

I received many positive comments from our retirees upon receiving the 2014-2015 calendar, unfortunately, there were a few mistakes. The publishing company agreed to cover the cost of printing and mailing the stickers to remedy the problem. By now you should have received from HSTA-R an explanation letter and stickers which you were asked to adhere to the calendar to correct any errors. We apologize for any inconvenience this matter may have caused, but are hopeful that you will find the calendar a useful planning tool. If you have any questions, please call the office at 833-2711 Ext. 258.



## LEFTOVER CANDY CANES?

Just what can be done with leftover candy canes? Here's an idea... On your next cup of coffee add a packet of hot cocoa mix (more or less to taste) with 2-3 little candy canes. Add cream for a richer version. Be daring...Add *more* candy canes for an even cooler *breeze* in your next cup of coffee.

Not a coffee drinker? Candy canes work very nicely with hot tea, hot chocolate, or almost any hot beverage. Enjoy!