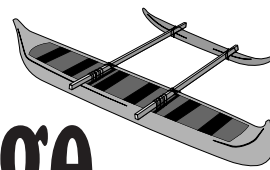




August 2026

President's Message



Summer break will soon be over as another school year is well underway. Fred and I spent the summer enjoying family and friends. In August we traveled to Washington state to watch the grandkids while their parents went to Washington D.C. on a business trip. Three hours between bottles made sleep deprived grandparents, but we loved the moments spent cuddling the baby boy and playing games with his five-year-old brother. That first grandson has just started Kindergarten. I hope his teacher knows how important the role of an educator is in the life of a child and his family.

In support of education and students, HSTA-Retired Kaua'i District had several volunteers to help with registration of teachers for this year at Kumu's Cupboard. In between registration we helped count and organize supplies for free distribution to our Kaua'i teachers for use in the classroom.

The HSTA-Retired Kaua'i District Council has recently met and planned the Meet & Greet at Duke's Lihue on Wednesday, September 23, 2026. It will be a wonderful opportunity to talk story with other retired teachers, to play games, win prizes, laugh, and enjoy a delicious lunch. The quest speaker is Anna

Velasco from Ho'ola Lahui Hawaii. Her presentation will include an easy stretch class and the role of fitness as a part of being healthy as we age. Barbara Natland has volunteered to help coordinate rides to Duke's for those who need transportation. Call Barb by September 10 at 808-651-5827 if you need a ride or if you are willing to drive others. The registration form will be in this newsletter.

You are always welcome to join us at meetings, community service, and outreach events. If you have any questions or ideas to share, please feel free to reach out to me at 808-652-5292 or lorisasan@gmail.com

Aloha,
Lori Sasan, President
HSTA-Retired, Kaua'i District

Save the Date!

- ✓ • Meet & Greet at Duke's (9:00 AM)
*September 23, 2026
- ✓ • Kauai Community College Taro Patch Tour
*October 20, 2026 (10:00 AM)
- ✓ • Gaylord's Holiday Gathering
*December 9, 2026

HSTA-Retired Kaua'i "Meet and Greet" Duke's Kaua'i~~September 23, 2026~~9 AM-Noon

Meeting up with friends and making new friends is always fun, especially while sharing a meal. We meet and greet new and familiar faces who we haven't seen in far too long. You are invited to a special activity for all HSTA-Retired members interested in getting together.

HSTA-Retired will be having our annual "Meet and Greet" on Wednesday September 23, 2026. We will be meeting at Duke's on the second floor at 9:00 AM. Coffee and muffins will be available at that time. After the guest speaker, a delicious lunch will be served. HSTA-Retired Kaua'i will subsidize the cost, so member will pay only **\$10 per member** for the luncheon.

Mark your calendar and be sure to attend this day of fellowship. There will be giveaways, plenty talk-story, a guest speaker, and fun activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

Time	Activity
9:00-9:10	Registration
9:10-9:30	Short meeting
9:30-9:50	Game / Find Someone Who Challenge
9:50-10:00	Break
10:00-10:45	Speaker / Presenter
10:45-11:00	Closing / Survey
11:00-12:00	Luncheon

Send in the reservation form below with non-refundable checks payable to HSTA-Retired Kaua'i District by SEPTEMBER 14, 2026. Confirmation of payment when received will be sent via email.

Registration form HSTA-Retired "Meet and Greet"

Duke's Kaua'i~~Upper level 9:00 AM Wednesday, September 23, 2026

NAME _____ *PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ *EMAIL _____

HSTA-Retired Member(s) attending (\$10.00 each) _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____ Total

Guest(s) _____ X \$31.00 = \$ _____ Total

Make check payable to HSTA-Retired Kaua'i and **mail** your completed form with your non-refundable payment to:

JOYCE SILVA
3069 LAUOHO ROAD
KALAHEO, HI 96741

Confirmation of payment will be sent via email when received. *If you don't have email, a phone call will be made to you. Completed form and payment must be received **no later than** September 14, 2026.

KCC Taro Patch

Barb Natland

Did you miss going to the Taro Patch at KCC with Taro Master Joshua Fukino? If you did here's your chance to join Taro Master Joshua Fukino. He calls this **"TAROPY."**

Please join us on **October 20, 2026, at 10 a.m.** No need to wear special clothing. We will not be hiking or harvesting the taro. But we will be watching how it's done! Tasting will be an option! Yum!

Space is limited, so **call or text Barb Natland** to reserve your spot
808 651-5827

Deadline: October 15, 2026.



State and Medicare Open Enrollment

By Beverly Gotelli

The days and months are going by very quickly. Just a reminder that State and Medicare will be conducting Open Enrollment to all retirees.

The State open enrollment will be in October. Medicare will be in December.

Why is there an Open Enrollment yearly? This is to provide everyone the opportunity to make changes to their plans.

If you like what you currently have don't do anything. If you're considering making changes check with your service providers first. Or call the EUTF, at 1 800-586-2161.



Kumu's Cupboard

July 2026



River Boat Cruise to Fern Grotto

Barb Natland

Seventeen happy HSTA Retired teachers and friends boarded Smith's Boat Tour on May 28 on an adventure to Kauai's famous Fern Grotto. Music festivities, both on the boat and at the grotto, helped to liven the day.

Many visitors who had been to the Grotto previously noted that the winds had swept away much of the foliage. But for those of us venturing up the river for the first time, the riverbanks as well as the grotto greeted us with splendid layers of forest green and visions of glorious events from days gone by.

A special MAHALO to Smiths Boat Tours for providing their anniversary special boat ride to Kaua'i residents for free.

KUMU'S CUPBOARD ELVES

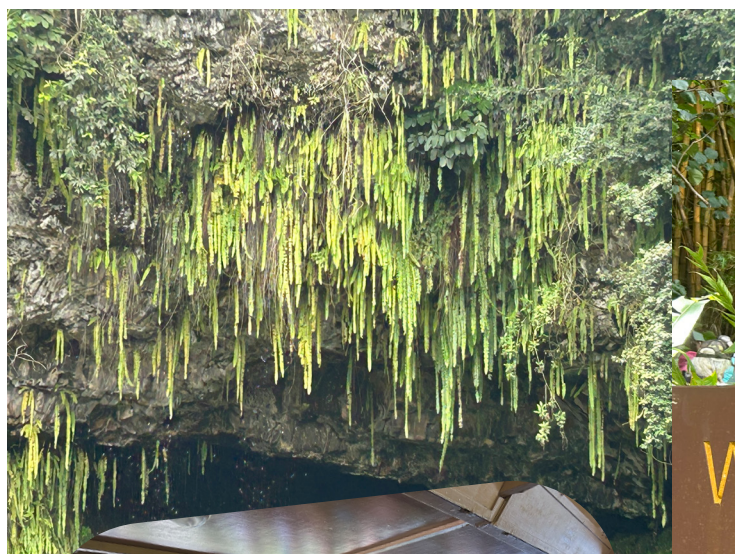
Thank you to our HSTA-Retired Board members who volunteered to help Kumu's Cupboard when they opened the shop for all teachers on Tuesday, July 21st, Thursday, July 23 and again on Monday, July 27, 2026.

Our dedicated members: Lori and Fred Sasan, Bonnie Kakinami, Debbie Gunning, Beverly Gotelli, James Yamamoto, Crucita Todd, and Joyce Silva.

They helped with preregistration, registration, as well as handing out back-to-school grants that were already prepared.

Your help was very much appreciated.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

By Beverly Gotelli

What happens when you move, change your email address, and disconnect your landline. All means of communication with HSTA-Retired Kaua'i stops. We don't want this to happen to you. You've probably contacted everyone that you know and businesses. What about HSTA-Retired? If you are in any of these categories please contact Beverly Gotelli with your updated information.

We recently sent out stamps to every member. Unfortunately, some of them were returned to us. Some came back with no forwarding address. Which means the address was changed more than 6 months ago. We don't always have a mailing to everyone. But when we do, we don't want to miss anyone.

Please if you've made any changes, please contact:

Beverly Gotelli.....808-821-9569.....email:

bgotelli@msn.com

Thank you for your cooperation on this.

Aloha,

Bev

Fern Grotto





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