

REMBRANDTS in the house!

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Enthusiastic painters with paint brushes in hand began a fun day of painting for 26 Kauai retiree members at the HGEA hall on Monday April 16, 2018. Artist Madison Joseph and Richard Gamboa from Paradise Palette guided the group through the ins and outs of painting their beautiful masterpieces of cherry blossoms in bloom.



Retiree Bryan Mamaclay, who gave encouragement throughout the morning, was the organizer of the event and captured the cover picture for this issue.

Retiree Administrator Mahie Trask was on hand to witness the artistry and spoke with Bryan after the event. "I just want to encourage more retirees to come and participate with the union, our union" said Bryan. He plans on asking the actives if they are interested in doing a painting activity. Mahie encouraged Bryan to work with Chapter President Timothy Albao, saying "the sky is the limit on activities that interest retirees, as long as your budget allows, go for it". For more information on Paradise Palette call 808-346-8635.



HGEA Retirees gathered for a fun-filled day of painting at the HGEA Hall in April.

WORDFIND Fruits & veggies of summer

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| Apples | Lilikoi |
| Apricots | Limes |
| Asparagus | Lychee |
| Beans | Mango |
| Bitter Melon | Mountain Apple |
| Blueberries | Oranges |
| Cantaloupes | Pears |
| Cherries | Peaches |
| Grapes | Plums |
| Guava | Squash |
| Honeydew Melon | Strawberries |
| Kiwi | Sweet Potato |
| Lemon | Watermelon |

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A G E E T G W Z C L W O V I C O E V I U
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N V V V A P B W M T E S A K M M R L E A
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R J G Q R I E J H E B T P I W E M Y M N
R E O R L D A C L Y R E O K R T W P E A
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B C E W M R O A B P S C B F F S Z E S J

REMINDER

Primary Election is on Saturday, August 11, 2018. Early voting will begin on July 30, 2018. Please support the HGEA-endorsed candidates.

Visit www.hgea.org to get the latest news on our endorsements.

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Walker Writes ... GANNENMONO



Lorraine Medeiros,
Hawaii Chapter Retiree

Did you know there's an interesting connection between "Lofty" Thomas Cook, former Hawaii Island Chairman (position later became Mayor), and Lorraine Medeiros, Hawaii Chapter retiree?

Both are descendants of the first group of Japanese immigrants to Hawaii who came to work as contract laborers on the sugar plantation. These first-year men and some women from Japan are known as the "Gannenmono" Japanese immigrants.

In 1868, the first group of 152 men and women boarded the ship Scioto in Yokohama, Japan, for their journey to Hawaii. According to one passenger who kept a diary, the very difficult 36-day trip was full of violence, complaints and dissatisfaction, and because

the passengers were served only rice with miso and shoyu, although very hungry, many couldn't eat.

Lorraine's great-grandfather, Kakujiro Mitsuhashi, landed in Honolulu and made his way to Maui where he met and married Piihilani Kunukau from Lanai. Kakujiro Mitsuhashi lived and worked on Maui where he changed his name to John Mitsuhashi. While living on Maui the couple had a son, Samuel John Mitsuhashi, who married Ah Fong Lee. Samuel John Mitsuhashi and his wife subsequently moved to the Big Island where they had a son, Michael John. Michael John married Louise Kama and are the parents of Lorraine John Medeiros.

"Lofty" Cook's grandfather, Matsugoro Kuwada, was also a member of the Gannenmono. Matsugoro married Meleana Auwekoolani, and their daughter Kimi was "Lofty" Cook's mother.

In 1979, during the 100th year observance of the arrival of the Gannenmono, Lorraine and other descendants were identified and recognized through the efforts of Dr. Byron Y. Goto, who became interested in the early history of Japanese immigrants to Hawaii and is the foremost authority on Japanese immigration. At that program in 1979 sponsored by the Japanese cultural group Bunka No Izumi, Dr. Goto brought Hilo descendants together for an emotional experience to hear and learn about their history-making ancestors.

This year, the Gannenmono immigrants will be celebrating their 150th year observance with various activities. The Hawaii Japanese Community Association of Hawaii in Hilo has sponsored supportive activities, like hosting the Japanese training ship officers, crew and training cadets; demonstrating Tea Ceremony; and sponsoring a Traditional Japanese Arts Concert. Be on the lookout for additional Gannenmono celebratory activities being planned by the Japanese Association.

There are other descendants of the "Gannenmono" group on Hawaii Island since according to records, four of the original immigrants settled on the Big Island.

Fun fact: Lorraine's great aunt, grandfather Samuel John Mitsuhashi's sister, married Dan Henry. Their son, William Henry, was the HGEA Hawaii Division Chief prior to Herb Perreira, who is HGEA Executive Director Randy Perreira's father.

2018 EARLY ENDORSEMENTS

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DEREK KAWAKAMI

HAWAII COUNTY COUNCIL DISTRICT 2
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HGEA retirees supporting U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono at a press conference in May. Pictured from left to right: Jose Ramelb, Andrea Ramelb, Caroline Kishida, Ethel Fleming, Sylvia Ching. Back row: Elaine Naylor, Neal Wu

CHAPTER NEWS

OAHU

June 21, 2018: General Membership meeting at 9:00 a.m. at HGEA Hall. Please RSVP to Tammy at 543-0054 or ttanouye@hgea.org

July 18, 2018: Movie Day, 9:00 a.m. 1st floor HGEA hall.

July 26 & August 23, 2018: Crochet, 9:00 a.m. 1st floor HGEA Hall.

August 16, 2018: West Oahu Outreach meeting. Ewa Mahiko District Park at 9:00 a.m.

Reminder: Mah jong is every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. Line dancing is on the second and fourth Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. Both are held at the HGEA hall unless there are negotiations or unit meetings scheduled. Please call Tammy at 543-0054 if you have questions.

MAUI

June 19, 2018: General Membership meeting at 9:00 a.m. at UPW Hall.

August 15, 2018: Movie Day, 9:00 a.m. at the HGEA Hall.

BIG ISLAND

June 20, 2018: General Membership meeting at 9:00 a.m. at the HGEA Hall.

July 21, 2018: East Hawaii American Cancer Society Relay For Life, Wong Stadium 4:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight.

August 15, 2018: Movie Day at 9:00 a.m. at the HGEA Hall.

KAUAI

June 8, 2018.: Executive Board meeting, 10:00 a.m. at the HGEA office.

June 18, 2018: General Membership meeting at 9:30 a.m. Kauai legislative team will review bills. Please RSVP your attendance to Joni at 245-6751.

July 9: Movie Day. Call 245-6751 to RSVP.

Well-BeINGO is it's name-o!

Want to learn some healthy tips and information and have some fun at the same time? Join us for WELL-BeINGO (Well-Being-O!) with HMSA, August 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in the first floor meeting hall of the HGEA Honolulu office. We will play bingo, rotate through healthy activity stations during the 10 minute healthy breaks and end with a healthy lunch. Space is limited so please call Tammy at 543-0054 or email her at ttanouye@hgea.org. Neighbor islands don't fret, we are planning a similar event at each of the chapter locations.