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HPGS members are welcome to submit articles of interest, pictures and articles from events, notices of job openings, committee reports, etc. Please submit your article and/or picture by the second Friday of every month to Sherry Goya, HPGS Executive Director, at sgoyallc@aol.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



PERCY IHARA, PRESIDENT

Welcome HPGS members to our first newsletter of the year! Who can still remember January and now all of a sudden we wake up and it is June.

I am Percy Ihara this years president of HPGS and for those of you who may not know me I have been in the mortgage industry since 1988 as a mortgage banker and mortgage broker in the forward lending world. In 2004 I learned of the need for retirement planning and I entered the reverse mortgage profession working specifically with seniors. I quickly learned of all the issues of aging with regard to financial, healthcare and the need for planning to live longer for my clients.

In 2010 I restarted Generations Magazine as a print resource for our seniors and their families where today we are involved with every aspect of aging. I have spent the first 6 months fine tuning our organization to grow our membership statewide, put in place regular webinars and provide more communication to our membership.

Moving forward as our president, I'd like for our industry to grow, network and learn together so we and our clients can benefit.

On a last note we are looking for neighbor island representatives to provide our membership what is going on on your island, new opportunities, positions and events. More information to come!

Live Well!

Percy Ihara

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society shall be to provide professionals and students in the field of aging with vital information, workshops, networking, and scholarships to enhance the gerontology workforce, to support the creation of needed policies and programs, and to deliver excellent service to the aging population in Hawaii and the Pacific.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in Neuroscience or a Career in Neuroscience?

Apply to work with the top neuroscience specialists and Investigators in Hawaii on exciting research projects in Alzheimer's Dementia, Parkinson's Disease, Neurodegenerative Diseases, Stroke, Epilepsy, Nutrition for the Brain and others. Be part of a team consisting of world class neurologists, neuropsychologist, residents, medical students and other investigators and join Hawaii's brightest young neuroscience Investigators in exploring and solving the most challenging scientific questions of our time! Hawaii's top neuroscience specialists and neuroscientists are committed in mentoring and training the next generations of upcoming talents for our state. More info on our research interns is also available on our website <http://hawaii-neuroscience.com/about-us2/interns> or www.HawaiiNeuroscience.com or contact Kore Liow, MD, Principal Investigator at kliow@hawaii.edu.

Interested in Caregiving?

Beckwith Hillside adult residential care home (ARCH) is looking for a reliable, experienced, efficient caregiver. You must be able to work in a group setting and care for up to 5 residents. We are a growing, up-and-coming company offering competitive pay and room for growth. We are looking for dedicated, hard workers who are passionate about elder care and want to grow alongside with us!

Please contact Thomas Young (808) 953-9642 BeckwithHillside@gmail.com for job opportunities.

MEMBER NEWS

- ✦ **HPGS Scholarships Available.** HPGS provides training and networking support to professionals in gerontology and raises funds and awards scholarships to college students interested in careers involving aging and older people. These scholarships are funded by generous donations from the Brodhead family, Assisted Living Options Hawaii, and many individual donors. Each year, HPGS offers up to three \$2,000 Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarships (funds permitting) for students enrolled in the University of Hawaii, Hawaii Pacific University, Chaminade University, and Brigham Young University-Hawaii who have a serious interest in professional work related to aging, long-term care, and/or death and dying. Scholarship applications must be sent by email to Tlenzer@hawaii.rr.com and must be received by July 1st, to be considered for the following academic year.
- ✦ **Kupuna Caucus Meetings** will be held in Room 229 at the State Capitol from 1:30pm to 3:30pm on the following Fridays: July 1st • August 5th • September 2nd

Save Date

2016 HPGS Conference

September 12th & 13th

Hyatt Regency Waikiki Beach Resort and Spa

The 2016 Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society Conference will invite you to re-think, re-imagine, and re-frame the role of older adults in our communities and share your best work in practice or research in the Concurrent Sessions. The Conference Committee is interested in presentations that address the conference theme: **Converging Paths, Building Resilience**. Presentations will be in three broad topic areas – empowering communities, converging paths, and building resilience.

The conference will feature keynote speakers, plenary sessions, and concurrent sessions of speaker, panel and workshop presentations. It is intended for elder care practitioners in the health and human service fields; businesses, government agencies, non-profits, and faith-based organizations serving older adults; applied researchers; students; and advocates. Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months or feel to contact Shannon Miyazaki, Conference Co-Chair, at smiyazaki@plazaassistedliving.com.