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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



PERCY IHARA, PRESIDENT

As I sit on my couch and writing my final President's message, I'd like to take this time to thank all of you for continuing the work in caring for our older population, our Kupuna. I, like you, have committed my career to working with our older adults and would not want anything better than to wake up everyday to serve this population.

I have always made a commitment that if I join a board, I will work hard to leave the board in better shape than when I joined. We have made a lot of huge strides with bringing HPGS to the forefront of our professionals in our field. I want to thank our current board members, as they have served well and supported and embraced so many changes and the future if bright for HPGS members.

For those of you who know me well enough, know that the work is not over for me at HPGS. I will be taking on the huge task of being next years conference chair. I will be emailing and calling you to assist in planning to make next year a great conference for our members.

I do trust you will all continue to support HPGS going forward and embrace next years President - Calvin Hara from Manoa Cottages-Kaimuki. He has extensive experience in our field, in non-profit work and very involved in communities such as the Kaimuki Business Association, the Elks Lodge and the Boy Scouts.

Thank you and Live Well!

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.

NEW HPGS MEMBER

Individual Member
David Rockemann

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Mel Cockett



"As the recipient of the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society, I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the tremendous support that you have provided me through this scholarship. I am so humbled to have been chosen for this award knowing that there were many qualified applicants. Your generosity will allow me to pursue my dreams and no words can't express how thankful I am. I have recently been accepted into the long term nurse aide program at Kapiolani Community College which begins in January, 2018. I am very determined to work hard in fulfilling my lifetime goal and career in taking care of those who are in need. This award I have obtained allows me to concentrate more on my academic studies without worrying to much about my financial burden. I look forward to successfully completing my academic year and continuing my education in my nursing career. Once again, thank you so much to HPGS from the bottom of my heart for their generosity and support."

HPGS SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

As the year comes to a close, an anonymous donor who wishes to match ALL donations to the HPGS scholarship fund, reminds everyone to make this year-end donation for tax purposes and because Tony's committee really wants to give out more monies in 2018.

To date, there were three donations made on behalf of this "challenge" to HPGS members - Sherry Goya, Generations Magazine, and Wesley Lum of Seattle, WA, have donated \$100 each; however, HPGS will also receive an additional \$300 to match their donations. The HPGS "Angel" will match donations up to \$5,000.

PLEASE find it in your pocketbook and heart to support Hawaii's students who are pursuing an education in the gerontology field. The deadline for this matching of donations has been extended to Friday, December 29, 2017. Checks may be mailed before December 27th to HPGS at P. O. Box 3714; Honolulu, HI 96812 OR through PayPal on hpgs.org at the bottom where it says DONATE.

BECOME A DEMENTIA FRIENDS CHAMPION!

Age-Friendly Honolulu is launching a Dementia Friends Hawaii initiative. This initiative will be a partnership between Age-Friendly Honolulu, the Hawaii Alzheimer's Disease Initiative at UH, and the State Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias taskforce.



Dementia Friends is a global movement that is changing the way people think, act, and talk about dementia. Developed in the U.K., the Dementia Friends initiative is underway in Hawaii and across the United States. By helping community

members understand what dementia is and how to help, each of us can make a difference for people touched by dementia. For more information visit: www.dementiafriendsusa.org

Can you imagine the potential impact if we train first responders, bus drivers, bank tellers, store clerks and more in Hawaii to be more dementia-friendly and help our older citizens?

The concept is simple, Dementia Friends Champions hold one-hour information sessions in the community, during which attendees learn the basics of dementia and then pledge to take small steps within their own family or community to support individuals with dementia in Honolulu. The first training session to become a Dementia Friends Champion is scheduled to be held on Saturday, January 20, 2018, 9am-12noon at Kahala Nui, Ali'i Dining Room, 4389 Malia St., 96821.

To register for the January 20th Dementia Friends Champion training, or about the Dementia Friends program, please contact Christy Nishita, Ph.D., from Age-Friendly Honolulu and UH Center on Aging at cnishita@hawaii.edu.

NATIONWIDE SURVEY

Catherine Riffin, Drs. Ron Adelman and Carry Reid, of Weill Cornell Medicine, are conducting an electronic, nationwide survey to assess current practices regarding the identification and assessment of family caregivers' needs in primary care. The recruitment language, provided below, has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Weill Cornell Medicine.

Researchers at Weill Cornell Medicine are conducting a nationwide research study to assess current practices regarding the identification and assessment of family caregivers' needs in primary care. They would like to learn about experiences with family caregivers.

The survey is anonymous and will take about 5 minutes. By completing the survey, you are indicating your consent to participate and for your responses to be used for research purposes. All information collected will be used in the aggregate and no attempts will be made to identify you personally. The survey can be accessed at: https://redcap.ctsc.weill.cornell.edu/redcap_protocols/surveys/?s=X9TEFE9W84

JAPAN ELDERCARE CONFERENCE STUDY-TOUR

The Gerontology Conference and Study Tour in Fukuoka, Japan, will be held March 22 to 24, 2018. This three-day program includes an international Conference on Aging, a Technology-Aging Study tour to neighboring Kitakyushu City and attendance at the 4th Annual Active Aging Festival.

All conference, travel, study tour, hotel accommodations, and farewell dinner registration is done directly with the Square Travel Agency of Fukuoka, Japan. Prices are based on the Japanese yen in November 2017. For clarification or assistance, Hawaii's contact person is **Cullen Hayashida, Ph.D.** (808-781-6604, text preferred, or cullen@hawaii.edu).

A GLOBAL ONLINE SUMMIT ON CAREGIVING JANUARY 20-26, 2018

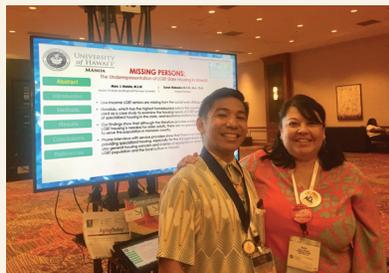


Caregiving affects all of us! Whomever you are, this Global Summit on Caregiving is for you. The organizers have literally scoured every corner of the globe to bring you 50+ international presenters to provide valuable caregiving insights while saving you time, money and the hassle of attending an expensive conference! The 50+ presentations at the **Age without Border Caregiving** website plus its Care Package are filled with great suggestions and resources.

Here's how you can watch the Global Summit on Caregiving from January 20-26, 2018:

- **Register for a Free Pass and enjoy each day of the summit.**
- **UPGRADE and Buy an All Access Pass for a Lifetime Access to the collection! The Early Bird Price of \$97** is available from NOW until the day the conference starts! This is the BEST PRICE with a 30-day Money Back Guarantee.
- Click on this link to get started for your **Free Pass!** <https://hi2233--age-without-borders.thrivecart.com/awb-caregiving/> You will receive a special link each day when the doors open on January 20th!

HOMELESS LGBT ELDERERS



The Council of Social Work Education – Annual Program Meeting 2017 was held in Dallas Texas from October 19-22. The conference is the largest gathering of social work educators in the country. Marc J. Malate, M.S.W. and Susan Nakaoka, M.S.W., M.A., Ph.D. (pictured) from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa presented their interactive ePoster titled Missing Persons: The Underrepresentation of LGBT Elder Housing in Hawai'i. Their research examines the needs of houseless LGBT older adults in Honolulu, the availability of specialized housing in the state of Hawai'i, and recommendations for best practices.

The state of Hawai'i provides an important case study for reviewing the special housing needs of the aging LGBT population for three reasons. First, according to Scott Morishige, the governor's coordinator on homelessness, Hawai'i's per capita rate of homelessness is the highest of any state. Second, Yahirun and Zan from the center on the family at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa states that the residents of Hawai'i have a longer lifespan than the average American: 21.5% aged 60 and older compared to the national average of 19.5%. Finally, Hawai'i's liberal political landscape, especially regarding LGBT rights, bodes well for an empathetic approach to housing elders from this community, thus, there is an assumption that there is little discrimination in housing this population. After speaking to professionals in the health care and housing fields, the researchers found that there is no specialized housing for LGBT individuals who are homeless. This is concerning as there is still sentiment that clients and providers still believe there is a need for specialized housing, especially for the transgendered population in facilities because of privacy issues and lack of room availability. For more information, contact Marc J. Malate at mmalate@hawaii.edu.