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The HPGS Board hopes that if your name was not in the January or February newsletters, you will renew today!

The Board will continue to provide monthly newsletters, quarterly general membership meetings, and informative webinars. They hope that HPGS members can become engaged by submitting articles, offering ideas of speakers, and providing information through webinars. Contact Sherry Goya, HPGS Executive Director at 808-722-8487 or sgoyallc@aol.com.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



DEBBIE KIM MORIKAWA
PRESIDENT

Aloha and thank you to all of our new and renewing members! I'd like to ask you to encourage your friends and colleagues to join HPGS this year and invite them to take advantage of the member discount to our **Biennial Conference** scheduled for **September 15-16, 2021**.

This year's conference, "**Foresight 2021 & Beyond**," is being held virtually which will ensure everyone's safety and allow greater flexibility for those with very tight schedules to attend this 2-day event. "**Presentation Proposals**" and "**Award Nominations**" are currently being sought; you can find the details in the attachments at the end of the newsletter.

Our **General Membership Meeting** is also this month, **April 22, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.**, on the topic, "**Moving Past The Pandemic - Where We Are Now & Where We Are Going**." Our speaker line-up includes **Keali'i Lopez, AARP Hawai'i State Director, Christopher "CJ" Johnson, State Department of Health Program Specialist, and Darrah Kauhane, Project Vision Hawai'i Executive Director** which should make for an enlightening panel discussion.

In last month's newsletter, I mentioned a potential initiative to "**rebrand**" **Adult Day Care** services. The feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive. As the third complete week of September has been celebrated as **National Adult Day Services Week**, and is publicized by the **National Adult Day Services Association (NADSA)**, this week could serve as a catalyst to rebranding efforts. The current recommendation is to align the program service title with NADSA and refer to the program simply as **Adult Day Services**. Again, please reach out to me with your ideas and thoughts about this initiative.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our General Membership Meeting!

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of HPGS is to increase awareness of and interest in the field of gerontology by providing networking and educational opportunities, as well as scholarships, to Hawaii's workforce or other interested parties, in which to support the creation of needed policies and programs that will enhance the quality and age-friendly services to our Kūpuna in Hawaii.

EVENTS

Here's another Generations Magazine event you'll want to join on **Wednesday, April 21st 11:30-1:00**. It is a Brown Bag Lunch Webinar with Travis Motosue of **Financial Benefits Insurance, Inc. (FBI)** on "Navigating Medicare Benefits." No RSVP needed. Questions to rick@generations808.com or 808-285-5936

Link to join the Webinar:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81319383971>

Kauai's Alzheimer's Assn

Healthy Living for your brain & body.
Friday, April 23, 11am to 12noon
Register: tinyurl.com/434xp6cr
Call Humberto Blanco for info
808-518-6655

Hawaii SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) will be holding "Project Grad 65" on **Wednesday, May 12th, from 5pm to 7pm** via Zoom. Hawaii SHIP volunteers will discuss medicare basics, with Social Security 101 by Jane Burigay, SSA Public Affairs Specialist. If you have never seen this presentation, it is highly recommended for those 65 and younger. To register:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMkeOuvpjuG9NFr5DBKpehuQLovteFls69>

Feel free to call the SHIP Helpline, 808-586-7299 or toll free 1-888-875-9229 or email wanda.anae-onishi@doh.hawaii.gov.

JUST A REMINDER

Did you hear that starting on October 24th of this year, anyone making a call in Hawaii will be required to use "808" - - - even if it is a call to their next door neighbor? Start now to be sure all numbers in your phone's directory has Hawaii's area code, as well as for anyone you add from now on.

HPGS 2021 CONFERENCE "FORESIGHT 2021 AND BEYOND"

The HPGS Conference Committee, headed by Eileen Phillips and Kathy Wyatt, is working long and hard to bring speakers who will bring a wealth of information for attendees. Every HPGS Board member is also on different committees from the program, awards, promotions, etc. Keynote speakers should be finalized in April, so look forward to learning about them in the May HPGS newsletter.

The conference committee is also looking for presenters and welcomes proposals from all disciplines, professions, and graduate students. Presentation proposals should be evidence-based, best practices and/or research. The conference is intended for professionals and practitioners in the aging network, health and human service field, businesses, government agencies, nonprofits and faith-based organizations serving seniors, applied researchers, students in gerontology, advocates for seniors and seniors themselves.

Six **Na Lima Kokua Awards** will be awarded at the HPGS Biennial Conference to be held on Wednesday and Thursday, September 15th & 16th. The form is attached to this newsletter, as well as it can be found and filled online at www.hpgs.org under the Conference heading. The six categories are:

- Communication/Arts for media, performing arts, creative, and literary arts
- Community Service for volunteers and professionals serving Hawaii
- Government includes government employees and elected officials
- Research/Teaching are instructors in public or private schools, trainers, and researchers
- Business for those who have contributed to the welfare of the elderly
- Tony Lenzer Scholarship is for two students preparing for a career in gerontology to be awarded \$2,000 each for education costs

Deadline for all nominations is Monday, May 17th. Download and complete the form and submit a 500-minimum word essay on the person or business nominating. Nominees must not have previously won this award in any category. As of the writing of this newsletter, there are eight nominations in five categories.

Given that our HPGS conference will be virtual this year, the committee is looking for innovative **Video "Poster" Presentations** that will be shared throughout the conference and during a dedicated session. HPGS welcomes video presentations from all disciplines, professions, undergraduate and graduate students. Your video presentation should be 2-3 minutes and highlight a community program, new project, or research study in the field of aging. Please visit www.hpgs.org "Conference" for the Video "Poster" Presentations form with added information.

Sponsors will be sought to support this year's "virtual" two-day conference. A very professional media company will run the whole conference from the Ala Moana Hotel's Carnation Room. Presenters who are on Oahu will be "live" in the Control Room. Mainland and foreign speakers will be via Zoom. Deadline for presenters is May 3rd, and the presentation proposal form is online at www.hpgs.org. If any HPGS member would like some information on sponsorship, please email Sherry Goya, HPGS Executive Director, at sgoyallc@aol.com.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, April 22, 2021 - 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

**Topic: Moving Past The Pandemic - Where We Are Now
& Where We Are Going**

“Lucky we live Hawai’i!” Even with the lowest numbers in the nation, we are not out of the woods yet. Join us for a Pandemic Update with our knowledgeable panelists who will address the challenges still ahead and any silver linings.

PANEL SPEAKERS

KEALI’I LOPEZ, Hawai’i State Director, AARP

Ms. Lopez is a University of Hawaii at Manoa graduate in Communications and Film & Television Production. She is the State Director of the nation's largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to empowering Americans 50 and older to choose how they live as they age. She is quoted as saying, “A lesson all of us should learn from living through a pandemic is the importance of preparation.”

CHRISTOPHER “CJ” JOHNSON, Program Specialist, Hawai’i State Department of Health

Since September 2020, Mr. Johnson has been coordinating community outreach and educational programs about COVID-19 for Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders and Filipinos. Through the DOH they have developed networks to understand community needs to allow for the timely and accurate dissemination of public health information to populations who are not reached as effectively through traditional advertising.

DARRAH KAUHANE, Executive Director, Project Vision Hawai’i

Ms. Kauhane holds a master’s degree in developmental and reproductive biology from the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, a bachelor’s degree in public health and community medicine from the University of Washington. Project Vision Hawaii has the only mobile health screening program that provide statewide services in communities with significant access-to-care challenges related to income, lack of insurance, geographical location, or cultural conflict.

Please click on the following link to join the meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86330148252?pwd=Tkh0L29GKytDTVhDnDNDL0U3TEFzUT09>

For more information or questions call: (808) 722-8487

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Foresight 2021 and Beyond
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September 15 - 16, 2021
"A Virtual Conference"

CALL FOR PRESENTATION PROPOSALS

Submission Deadline: Monday, May 3, 2021

Submit Proposals at www.hpgs.org

The 2021 Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society's Biennial Conference is seeking presentation proposals that address the conference theme: "Foresight 2021 and Beyond." We welcome proposals from all disciplines, professions, and graduate students. Presentation proposals should be evidence-based, best practices and/or research-focused and will be considered in these broad topic areas:

- Breakthroughs in geriatric medicine and long-term care.
- Innovative policy and problematic approaches to address ageism and encourage active aging.
- Initiative focus on post-pandemic recovery and on building more resilient, socially connected, and age friendly community.

The conference will feature keynote speakers and individual sessions. The HPGS Biennial Conference is intended for professional and practitioners in the aging network, health and human service field, businesses, government agencies, non-profits and faith-based organizations serving seniors, applied researchers, students in gerontology, advocates for seniors, and seniors themselves. It will be held virtually on September 15 & 16, 2021.

Proposal Submission Guidelines and Review Process

The HPGS Biennial Conference Committee invites individuals to submit a presentation proposal that addresses the conference theme "Foresight 2021 and Beyond." Selected presentations will be scheduled for individual sessions of 45 minutes. Presentation may have up to two speakers. We welcome proposals from all disciplines and professions. Presentation contents must be new and highly relevant to our conference participants.

Each presenter is limited to two proposals, and may not be the single or lead presenter in more than one proposal. Once a proposal is accepted, all the presenters must register for the conference, although there is no conference fee for presenters.

The Biennial Conference Committee will review all proposals received online by May 3, 2021. Notification of acceptance will be emailed to the lead presenter by end of May 2021. To submit a proposal, please go to the HPGS website (www.hpgs.org) and complete the form.

It is strongly recommended that speakers on Oahu come to the "Control Center" to deliver their presentation; otherwise, virtual presentations will be arranged.

For questions, please contact the Biennial Conference Co-Chairs and/or Executive Director:

Eileen Phillips, Co-Chair	eileenp@attentionplus.com	808-739-2811
Kathy Wyatt, Co-Chair	kwyatt01@aol.com	808-292-4665
Sherry Goya, Executive Director	sgoyallc@aol.com	808-722-8487



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Awards Nomination Form

"Foresight 2021 and Beyond"

Seeking nominations for
"Na Lima Kokua" Awards
to be given to

Individuals residing in Hawai'i, or businesses operating in Hawai'i, for two years or more who have strived to make a unique contribution to the elderly. Those eligible would be individuals and businesses who have helped to enhance the image of aging or who have promoted the field of gerontology. Also, nominees must not have previously won this award in any category. All nominations must be accompanied by the nomination form below. Please attach the nomination form to a brief (500 word minimum, no more than one page) write-up of the person or business being nominated.

Deadline to submit nominations is: May 17, 2021. For more information, please contact Sherry Goya at (808) 722-8487 or sgoyallc@aol.com. The award winners will be honored at the 2021 Biennial Conference of the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society to be held virtually on September 15 & 16, 2021. Please fill out the nomination form as thoroughly as possible so we can successfully contact all nominees.

DETACH NOMINATION FORM HERE

AWARD CATEGORIES (Please circle ONE; if unsure, leave blank):

COMMUNICATION/ARTS
(media, performing arts,
creative, and literary arts)

COMMUNITY SERVICE
(volunteers and professionals
serving Hawai'i)

GOVERNMENT
(includes government
employees and elected officials)

RESEARCH/TEACHING
(instructors in public or private
schools, trainers, and researchers)

BUSINESS
(businesses which have
contributed to the
welfare of the elderly)

TONY LENZER SCHOLAR
(Two students preparing for a
career in gerontology to be
awarded \$2,000 each for
education costs.)

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION BELOW; ATTACH WRITE-UP; AND SEND TO:
HPGS CONFERENCE - ATTN: SHERRY GOYA, P.O. BOX 3714, HONOLULU, HI 96811 OR EMAIL TO sgoyallc@aol.com

Name/Title of Nominee:
Organization:
Address:
Telephone: Email:

Name/Title of Nominator:
Organization:
Address:
Telephone: Email: