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HPGS has open enrollment for new members throughout the year. Current HPGS members may renew for 2022 any time online at [www.hpgs.org](http://www.hpgs.org) or print the form and pay with a check.

The Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society distributes monthly newsletters and hosts three general membership meetings.

HPGS encourages all members to submit articles, email the board with suggestions for speakers, and/or volunteer on a committee.

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



RICK TABOR  
PRESIDENT

Aloha HPGS members,

I have just returned from North Dakota, after visiting my mother who had a massive stroke in May. It was good to spend time with her, our family and friends. As we traveled, it became clear to us how many parts of life were affected by the pandemic. Like my mother's recovery, it will take the passage of time to lessen the impact of what has happened. So, please remember to breathe, practice patience and smile.

The Board's website committee has been working tirelessly to update the HPGS website ([HPGS.org](http://HPGS.org)). We are excited to offer you a more user-friendly resource for all of our HPGS activities and elder-focused information. When it is launched, we will let you know and look forward to receiving your feedback.

The website will continue to have information about the HPGS scholarship programs. The application deadline for the Tony Lenzer Scholarships in Aging has been extended to July 20th. The HPGS Eldercare Worker Training scholarship is available throughout the year until budgeted funds have been exhausted. Also on the website is the job board - a great benefit for HPGS members to list their job openings or volunteers-needed ask.

Beginning July 16, 2022, 988 will be the new National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, where care and support is available for anyone experiencing mental health-related distress. People can also dial 988 if they are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support. Hawaii is among 30 states that will be using the 988 Lifeline.

A civic duty alert: This year's Primary voter ballots will be mailed to everyone 18 days before the August 13th election. All ballots are to be returned by mail or taken to drop boxes located on all islands. There will be no in-person locations. See AARP's article in this Newsletter and check out: <https://elections.hawaii.gov> for more information.

July is Anti-boredom month, let's relax watching a sunrise or sunset while enjoying our aloha lifestyle.

Mahalo Nui Loa,  
Rick Tabor, HPGS President 2022

**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

### St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii FREE Family Caregiver & Wellness Classes

Thursday, July 21st from 5pm to 7pm

Understanding Hawaii's  
Long Term Care Options  
John McDermott, Long  
Term Care Ombudsman

Wednesday, July 27th  
from 5pm to 6:30pm

Kidney Options for Patient  
Empowerment  
Dawn Pasikala, National  
Kidney Foundation

## HPGS MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Gloria Acain  
Sharon Adric  
Lisa Amador  
Liza Badua-Bumbrique  
Laura Bailey  
Alyssa Barbosa-Grogan  
Gladys Bautista • Leimomi Brigoli  
Larry Came • Matthew Chung  
Nicolas Cole • Roxanne De Vries  
Dorie Dudoit-Mendoza  
Celine Ferreira  
Meaghen Figueroa  
Shanelle Gomes-McEnroe  
Kimberly Hayati  
Coleen Hishinuma • Suzanne Hull  
Shanie Jefferies • Laurie Jacha  
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Fran Takamiyashiro  
Jemarie Tarik-Gacho  
Lori Tsuruda • Erin Wong  
Deanna Wong • Tracy Yadao

## HPGS 6TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

The HPGS Board of Directors would like to announce that the 2022 HPGS Scholarship Fundraiser will be honoring **John McDermott**, the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, the position he has held since August 1998. Many people in Hawaii know of John and see that he advocates for the wellbeing and safety of Hawaii's elder population, with attention to those who reside in long-term care and assisted living facilities. Most recently, however, John realized his greatest achievement since taking this position, which was to have five full-time state ombudsmen for Neighbor Islands (Kauai, Maui, Hilo, Kona, and one more for Oahu) become reality when Governor Ige signed the legislation into law in July 2022.



The HPGS annual fundraiser will be held on Thursday, November 4th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm. Details are still being worked out by the Fundraising Committee but more information will be coming in the upcoming HPGS newsletters. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please email Kathy Wyatt, Chairperson, at [kwyatt01@aol.com](mailto:kwyatt01@aol.com) or Sherry Goya, HPGS Executive Director at [sgoyallc@aol.com](mailto:sgoyallc@aol.com).

## HPGS SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

SPREAD THE WORD.....There is \$2,500 available to each of five undergraduate and graduate students attending college on any island in Hawaii to assist them with educational expenses. The application is online at [www.hpgs.org](http://www.hpgs.org). It can be completed and emailed directly to Christy Nishita, Chairperson of the HPGS Workforce Development Committee. The deadline has been extended to Wednesday, July 20th.

## RECONNECTING WITH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES



**Jamaica Laguna Manuel**, 2021 Awardee; "I will be completing my first degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Health Care Administration in May 2022. I anticipate completing my second degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Long-Term Care in December 2022. I am currently working as a Nursing Aide at Hawaii Nursing Solutions, a home care agency. I look forward to establishing my own Home Care Agency in the near future to be able to help more elderly in the community, and to promote quality of care and services for them. Thank you!"

## HPGS MEMBER NEWS

**AARP Hawaii** shared information in the [AARP Bulletin - June 2022](#) about Hawaii's Primary election day, which is Saturday, August 13th, and stated that most voters will again be casting their ballots by mail. Voters will choose a new governor; decide whether to keep incumbent U.S. Sen. Brian Schatz (D); and vote on the state's two congressional seats, all state legislative seats, and city and county races." The article went on to say "By Tuesday, July 26, all registered voters will receive a postage-paid mail ballot to be sent back (ideally a week or more before primary day) or put in a ballot drop box. Ballots arriving after 7pm on primary day will not be counted nor will those that aren't signed. Ballots can also be cast at walk-in service centers, listed at [elections.hawaii.gov](http://elections.hawaii.gov); they are open 10 days before the election and on primary day."