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HPGS has open enrollment for new members throughout the year. HPGS members may renew for 2023 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**



KATHY WYATT  
PRESIDENT

The Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society's board of directors is very excited about our 22nd Biennial HPGS Conference, to be held in person this year at the Ala Moana Hotel on Thursday and Friday, September 7th and 8th. The conference committee is working diligently to bring you a robust program with many great take-aways. The theme, "Sustainable Transitions in Gerontology" leaves us open to a plethora of interesting topics. And it's not all work....breakfast, lunch, ice cream social, pupu hour, door prizes, and much more. HPGS members will receive a discount for the conference. Mark your calendars today!

The conference committee is looking for more presenters for the conference. Application can be made online at [www.hpgs.org](http://www.hpgs.org). Deadline to apply is April 30th. We welcome proposals from all disciplines, professions, and graduate students. Presentation proposals should be evidence-based, best practices, and/or research-focused. There will also be poster presentations shared with conventioners. If you know of anyone who would be a good speaker, have them apply soon. The 2021 conference had to turn speakers away if they were late.

"Save the Date" for the second HPGS General Membership Meeting of the year, to be held on Thursday, May 18th from 11:30am via Zoom. Speakers from the legislature will share Kupuna bills that passed, didn't pass, or will go forward next year. Listen and ask questions so you understand what your government is doing to assist Hawaii's Kupuna.

Mahalo to the many HPGS members who have renewed their membership for 2023. Renewing will allow members to be a part of the three General Membership Meetings for the year, get a discount at the biennial conference, and receive the monthly newsletter. HPGS members may also join the board, be a part of any committee, submit articles for the newsletter, and network with members.

**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 Kupuna in Hawaii.

## HPGS MEMBERSHIP

Mahalo to these HPGS members who have renewed for 2023:

### Company

Attention Plus Care  
GYMGUYZ  
Maui County Office on Aging  
Rulon & Adamshick LLC

### Individual

Sanya Lucas  
Danice Mah  
Sara Lenzer Medeiros  
Maeona Mendelson  
Merle O'Neill  
Rick Tabor  
Sandra von Doetinchem

HPGS is still hopeful that 2022 members will renew for 2023. If your company/department/ organization's name or your name was not listed in HPGS newsletters from the first three months, please renew your membership online at [www.hpgs.org](http://www.hpgs.org) or print and mail a check from the attached membership form.

## EVENTS

Queen's Conference  
on Geriatric Medicine  
"Shedding Light on  
Dementia Care Practices"  
Friday, April 7th  
8am to 12:30pm  
Live Webinar  
Contact: [cme@queens.org](mailto:cme@queens.org)  
(808-691-4406)

## ELDERCARE WORKER TRAINING

The HPGS Eldercare Worker Training Awards scholarship program is designed specifically for persons currently working with, or planning to work with, older adults. These awards will provide tuition assistance for workers who enroll in credit or noncredit courses and certificate programs, which enhance their knowledge and skills in areas related to aging. Go to [www.hpgs.org](http://www.hpgs.org) to apply, as this scholarship is open year around.

## HPGS CONFERENCE

One of the important components of the HPGS Biennial Conference has always been donations made by sponsors who support the mission and education through the conference. 2023 is no different, needing funds to help run the conference from its venue, equipment rental, and food for breakfast, lunch, and two networking socials, as well as to provide sponsorship of students, while providing an excellent education relating to our Kupuna.

The conference is intended for professionals and practitioners in the aging network, health and human service field, businesses, government agencies, non-profits, and faith-base organizations serving Kupuna, applied researchers, students in gerontology, advocates for Kupuna and Kupuna themselves. Many have enjoyed past conferences.

The Sponsorship Form is attached to this month's newsletter. Please see where you and/or your company or organization can find a way to support this year's conference. There is the GOLD sponsorship of a \$3,000 or more donation; the SILVER is a donation of \$2,000; a BRONZE sponsorship is a \$1,000 donation; and \$100 to \$999 will be a FRIEND OF HPGS. In any case, your donation will be much appreciated and benefit everyone who attends the conference, especially the students and Kupuna.

## HPGS MEMBER NEWS

HPGS Member, John Hauoli Tomoso, shares with our members that this "is the Collect (Opening Prayer) the congregation prayed at my Installation as Vicar of Trinity Episcopal Church By-the-Sea, in Kihei, Maui, Hawai'i. It "says it all": O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



## NEW HPGS BOARD MEMBER



The HPGS Board voted in **Hope Levy** as a Director at their March Board Meeting. She is a gerontologist and educator, having been a Health Educator at Kaiser Permanente for over 12 years. Hope facilitates classes for members and provides professional development programs for staff. She is also the founder of "There's Always Hope," a consulting practice that specializes in lifelong learning and positive aging by developing and delivering customized programs for communities, organizations and individuals.



# 2023 Biennial Conference Sustainable Transitions in Gerontology

September 7 and 8, 2023

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## Sponsorship Form

The Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society (HPGS), a nonprofit organization dedicated to ensuring an adequate workforce and resources in the field of aging, is seeking sponsors for its upcoming 2023 Biennial Conference on September 7th & 8th. This Biennial will focus on the essential adjustments made by organizations, individuals and kupuna themselves over the past few years in response to the needs of our elderly population. HPGS would like to highlight these important changes at this year’s conference.

The conference will feature keynote speakers and individual sessions. The HPGS Biennial Conference is intended for professionals and practitioners in the aging network, health and human service field, businesses, government agencies, non-profits, and faith-based organizations serving Kupuna, applied researchers, students in gerontology, advocates for Kupuna and Kupuna themselves.

Over 250 people are expected to attend this two-day conference which will have presentations conducted by local and national experts on geriatric medicine and long term care, innovative policy and technology accessible ideas to address aging, health and wellness, businesses, innovative programs and services that promote the well-being for seniors. HPGS is seeking sponsors to help defray conference expenses. The conference fees are at an affordable rate to attract attendees such as seniors and students in the aging field. Benefits of sponsorship are listed below.

### SPONSOR SHALL RECEIVE:

#### **GOLD SPONSOR (donation of \$3,000 or more)**

- Acknowledgement in the conference program
- Full page PDF ad in the conference program
- Two conference registrations for two days
- Link to your website on HPGS Website
- Company banner placed in meeting room
- Free exhibitors table
- 10 min presentation to group

#### **SILVER SPONSOR (donation of \$2,000)**

- Acknowledgement in the conference program
- Half page PDF ad in the conference program
- One conference registrations for two days
- Link to your website on HPGS Website
- Company banner placed in meeting room
- Free exhibitors table
- 5 min presentation to group

#### **BRONZE SPONSOR (donation of \$1000)**

- Acknowledgement in the conference program
- One-fourth page PDF ad in the conference program
- One conference registration for two days
- Free exhibitors table

#### **FRIEND OF HPGS (donation of \$100 and up)**

- Acknowledgement in the conference program

We have chosen this sponsorship level:  Gold  Silver  Bronze  HPGS Friend \$100, \$200, OTHER  
Amount of our check attached is \$\_\_\_\_\_

Deadline is August 15, 2023 to complete this form, write check to HPGS, and mail to P. O. Box 3714; Honolulu, HI 96812.

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Mahalo for supporting the HPGS 2023 Biennial Conference!