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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

At the recent Alzheimer's Association Forum, which is where representatives from all 50 states congregate in Washington DC and meet with State Senators and Representatives at Capitol Hill. There were 900 people there to discuss the important legislation that Alzheimer's Association is asking to be passed to increase research into causes and cures, make clinical trials available to everyone, even in remote areas, and to continue to support the Alzheimer's Association in its quest to end Alzheimer's. The picture is from a demonstration that we all participated in in front of the White House to ask that CMS, who approves what drugs and treatments will be covered under those two programs, to approve the new drugs and treatments for Alzheimer's Disease. They approve all meds that have been approved by the FDA, except the new Alzheimer's drugs that were just approved by the FDA. We hope to see CMS change their minds. The Forum was successful, and our Hawaii Senators and Representatives are all very supportive of the Alzheimer's programs.



**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.

## HPGS MEMBERSHIP

### New Members

John A. Burns School of Medicine  
True Insurance Benefit Services LLC

Mahalo to these HPGS members  
who have renewed for 2023:

### Company

ALTRES Home Care  
Ho'okele Navigators

### Individual

Poki'i Balaz  
Patricia Blanchette  
Karen Ginoza  
Kamaka Jingao  
Marilyn Seely

## EVENTS

### AARP Hawaii

#### Homefit Workshop

Sunday, April 30th @ 2pm to 4:15pm  
Catholic Charities Hawaii  
1822 Keeaumoku Street  
RSVP 877-926-8300

Registration Required - Limited Space  
Refreshments Provided

## HPGS CONFERENCE DEADLINES

The February 2023 HPGS newsletter featured the **Call for Presentation Proposals** and the committee has already received a few proposals, to include keynote speakers for both days. All presentation proposals should be submitted through [www.hpgs.org](http://www.hpgs.org). Deadline is April 30, 2023.

The HPGS conference **Sponsorship Form** was in the March 2023 HPGS newsletter, seeking sponsors in gold, silver, bronze, and friend categories. The form needs to be printed and mailed with a check in order to eliminate Paypal fees. Deadline is August 15, 2023.

With the April 2023 HPGS newsletter is the **Awards Nomination Form**, as well as the article in the right column. Deadline is June 16, 2023.

## HPGS CONFERENCE

In 1986, the HPGS conference committee created awards to honor five important categories which supported Hawaii's Kupuna. Over the years, the categories grew to six; and for the 2023 biennial conference, that tradition continues with the following award categories:

- Business - Businesses which have contributed to the welfare of the elderly.
- Communication/Arts - Media, performing arts, creative, and literary arts.
- Community Service - Volunteers and professionals serving Hawaii.
- Government - Includes government employees and elected officials.
- Research/Teaching - Instructors in public or private schools, trainers, and researchers.
- Tony Lenzer Scholar - Two students preparing for a career in gerontology to be awarded \$2,000 each for educational costs.

Attached to this month's newsletter is the "Na Lima Kokua" awards application form. The form and a 500-word minimum write-up of the person, business, or organization being nominated should be mailed to HPGS; P.O. Box 3714; Honolulu, HI 96812 or emailed to Sherry Goya, HPGS Executive Director, at [sgoyallc@aol.com](mailto:sgoyallc@aol.com). Deadline to submit nominations is June 16, 2023.

## ELDERCARE WORKER TRAINING AWARDEE

The HPGS Workforce Development Committee, chaired by Christy Nishita, approved to award \$750 to Jennie Naone and she completed the Nursing Assistant Training Program in March. Her certificate said she satisfactorily completed 112 hours of training as required by Federal law under the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987.



Jennie Naone is from Taiwan and is currently enrolled in a nurse aide certification program with Healthcare School of Hawaii. Since she received an HPGS scholarship for the program, she reports she has learned more professional techniques and nurse aide skills working and caring for the elderly population. She has learned more about physical and psychological changes in the elderly and how to help them in their home or living space using special equipment or care techniques. Jennie has worked in both private and facility settings and hopes to be able to become a more competent worker providing services to the elderly.

## STUDY TOUR TO SINGAPORE & KOREA

**October 15 to 24, 2023**

Are you ready to create positive social change for our active older adults in Hawaii? As we begin paying more attention to the power and potential of active agers, we are beginning to realize that in addition to personal changes that we need to make with our lives, a large number of social infrastructural changes will be important. To that end, two organizations, the Pass It On Network based in Paris and the Active Aging Consortium Asia Pacific, have organized a study tour that may be of interest to you. An International Active Aging Study Tour to Singapore and Korea sponsored by the Active Aging Consortium Asia Pacific (ACAP) (led by President Kathryn Braun of the UH School of Social Work and Public Health) and Moira Allan of the Paris-based Pass It On Network (PION) is planned for October 2023! This is a Study Tour that will be marketed worldwide, and so, anticipation will be great for this opportunity to network and learn from experts from around the globe. Attached to this month's newsletter is a flyer with more information or contact Cullen Hayashida at [cullenhaya@gmail.com](mailto:cullenhaya@gmail.com) or 808-781-6604.



2023 Biennial Conference  
**Sustainable Transitions in Gerontology**  
 September 7 and 8, 2023

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**Awards Nomination Form**

**“Sustainable Transitions in Gerontology”**

Seeking nominations for  
**“Na Lima Kokua” Awards**  
 to be given to

Individuals residing in Hawai‘i and businesses/organizations 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/organizations 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 this form. ***Please attach this form to a 500 word minimum write-up of the individual or business/organization being nominated.***

Deadline to submit nominations is: June 16, 2023. For more information, please contact Sherry Goya at (808) 722-8487 or sgoyallc@aol.com. The award winners will be honored at the 2023 Biennial Conference of the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society Conference to be held at the Ala Moana Hotel on September 7 and 8, 2023.

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

**COMMUNICATION/ARTS**

(media, performing arts, creative, and literary arts)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

(Individual and business/organization 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 96812 OR EMAIL TO sgoyallc@aol.com**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominator: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# STUDY TOUR



## VISIONING AN ACTIVE AGEING SOCIETY



**SINGAPORE**



**SOUTH KOREA**

**OCTOBER  
15-24, 2023**

### CALLING GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC LEADERS

for a 10-day exploration of active ageing programs and policies in Singapore and Seoul -- both actively preparing to face the challenges and tap the potential of an ageing society.

### LEARN ABOUT:

- Country- and city-wide plans
- Housing for ageing-in-place
- Communities for all ages
- Later-life education, volunteer, and work options
- Long-term care facilities



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