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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



KRISTINA WONG
PRESIDENT

Aloha Members,

We hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe following the recent storms that have impacted our state. Our thoughts are with all those affected, and we encourage our members to share ways we can support our kūpuna—whether through resources, outreach, or acts of kindness. We welcome your ideas and look forward to continuing this conversation at our next general membership meeting.

We are also continuing to work on our upcoming Tony Lenzer Scholarship Fundraising event and look forward to sharing more details with you soon.

Additionally, we met in late March with past scholarship recipients and honorees. This initiative is part of our continued commitment to fostering meaningful connections within our community. More information will be shared in our next newsletter.

Mahalo for your continued support and dedication to our mission.

Kristina Wong

HPGS has open enrollment for new members throughout the year. HPGS members may renew for 2026 any time online at 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.



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, and otherwise to support the creation of needed policies and programs that will enhance the quality and number of age-friendly services to our Kūpuna in Hawaii.



MAHALO FOR RENEWING

HPGS appreciates the 2026 renewals from the following HPGS members since the last newsletter:

INDIVIDUALS

Lyn Moku
Margaret Perkinson
David Rockemann
Judy Sykes
Kathy Wyatt
Jeanine Yonashiro-Cho

COMPANIES

Rulon & Adamshick LLC

EVENTS

Catholic Charities Hawaii

Understanding & Responding to Dementia Behavior
Thursday, April 9th, 9am to 3pm
Queen's Conference Center
1301 Punchbowl Street
In-Person or via Zoom
Contact Jody Mishan, 808-295-2624
jmishan@hawaii.rr.com

Project Dana

Wednesday, April 8th at 10am
A Memory Cafe at UH Manoa
Moiliili Hongwanji Mission Temple
902 University Ave, 2nd Floor
Or Via Zoom

Saturday, April 11th at 10am
Older Adult Home Modification
Waipahu Hongwanji Buddhist Temple
94-821 Kuhaulua Street or via Zoom
Call 808-990-7373 or email
shelley@projectdana.org

Ohana Care Maui

Tuesday, April 28th at 5:0pm
Speaker Series: Path to Peace
Kalama Heights
Call 916-397-3881 or email
debgalvez@ohanacaremaui.com

HPGS MEMBERSHIP OPEN YEAR AROUND

Besides asking HPGS members to renew for this year, the Board is always looking for new members to join. As you may know, HPGS was founded in 1979 with membership from professionals, individuals, companies and organizations in the field of aging in Hawaii. Membership opportunities available to all islands consists of gerontology educators, students, medical and social service personnel, kupuna, caregivers, companies and organizations from every sector of the community.

The benefits enjoyed by HPGS members include: The HPGS monthly **newsletter** which is distributed electronically and filled with age-related news, events, activities, job openings, announcements, and more. Throughout the year, there are **events** to bring HPGS members together for timely and relevant issues, discussions, and educational opportunities, as well as networking events and three General Membership Meetings in person or via Zoom each year. HPGS prides itself in offering **scholarships** for those pursuing education in the field of aging, thus creating **fundraising** opportunities. A two-day biennial **conference** is held in odd-numbered years and offers professional and educational venues on aging research, practice and policy for Hawaii, while also attracting national and international participants. The HPGS **website** provides a resource of news, events, membership, etc; and here are a number of **committees** where membership involvement is welcomed.

AGING AND DISABILITY REPORT

HPGS has donated monies to the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition for a number of years to help support the annual Aging and Disability report. Gary Simon, Treasurer of the Hawaii Family Caregiver Coalition emailed the following: *"Mahalo nui loa for the donation of \$500 received by the Hawai'i Family Caregiver Coalition from the Hawaii Pacific Gerontological Society to help underwrite the annual Aging and Disability report. The gift supports the Coalition's mission of enhancing the lives of family caregivers and their care recipients. We are deeply grateful to those who support our mission."*



HPGS NEWS

Many HPGS members may also be members of **AARP Hawaii** and receive their bimonthly newspaper. In the March/April 2026 issue, they wrote about Hawaii, stating that "Nearly 1 in 4 adults in the state are family caregivers, according to a recent report by AARP and the National Alliance for Caregiving. In response, AARP Hawaii is highlighting available support and urging legislative action." It continued with, "The leading edge of baby boomers turns 80 this year, an age after which they may be more likely to need caregiving, says AARP Hawaii's communications director, Craig Gima." The article shared that "AARP offers workshops and online resources at aarp.org/caregiving. On the policy front, it's pushing for state and federal caregiver tax credits, paid family leave in Hawaii, and ways to address the shortage of trained, paid caregivers."



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HPGS discusses, networks, and shares information about issues and policies affecting Hawaii kupuna, to include career and job fairs, expos, webinars, etc. They also provide scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students interested in careers in aging, as well as tuition assistance for workers seeking to upgrade their knowledge in this field.

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MEMBERSHIP FORM

Contact Name: _____

Company/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Facsimile: _____

E-Mail: _____

Website: _____

Annual dues (check one):

- \$10 for individual 65 and over
- \$20 for individual under 25 years
- \$80 for individual 26 to 64 years
- *\$100 for company/organization (includes the contact person listed)
- \$50 for Associate Member (individual of company member)

If paying on or after July 1st, dues are half price.

*** Need logo to be on HPGS website.**

Date Paid: _____

Payment Amount: _____

Check Enclosed: # _____

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