



Hawaii Education Association

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Little did we know of the tremendous changes to be experienced due to the world-wide virus pandemic. How quickly we have adapted to Governor Ige's mandate to stay at home.

Today Laurie and Normita work from home and go into the office only as needed. Thank you, Laurie for setting the home offices for yourself and Normita. Thank you both for your flexibility.

In November we suffered the loss of Ron Toma. He was our former VP and Programs' Chair who tirelessly and successfully led the Teaching As A Career Committee and the HSTA partnership for professional development. Thank you, Jacquie for taking charge of the committee and for the successful 4th TAAC Symposium held at Chaminade in September.

The following list reflect some of the president's activities, each aligned with HEA's Mission and Strategic Plans:

1. Planned and led monthly Executive Committee meetings.
2. Planned and led quarterly Board meetings- July, October, December, February.
3. Participated in three monthly meetings with DOE's CTE Pathway Advisory Committee.
4. Helped in planning and participated in the TAAC Symposium.
5. Participated in Hawaii Foundation of Educators for the next steps after the passing of Al Nagasako.
6. Contact and discussions with UH COE for the Carl Daefur Lecture Series which were postponed due to selection and scheduling issues.
7. Completed Annual Contribution Drive and follow up letters for mailing. New HEA postettes were enclosed with appreciation letters.
8. Worked on framework of the Marketing plan facilitated by Joan Husted. Frame sent to Linda Ezuka for final plan. Due to unforeseen circumstances we are unable to meet with Linda to complete the plan.
9. Participated in HSTA Honolulu's Institute Day at McKinley HS. Thank you, Laurie and Joan Husted for getting up early and setting the table, display and Handouts. Thank you, Janice for preparing and setting up the displays and talking to HSTA Kauai teachers at their Institute Day.

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10. Elections were closed on April 10 with two new Board members – Piliialoha LeeLoy and Wilbur (Wil) Luna. There is still an open seat for a ten-member board of directors.
11. Wrote personal notes and sent holiday cards to members who contributed \$300 and more. Cards were also sent to HSTA and HSTAR.
12. A new Ronald K. Toma In-Service Professional Development Scholarship was developed and sent to schools. Thank you, Meredith for your work on the scholarship. Due to the stay at home mandate schools are not in session. The Scholarship will be sent when schools are once again opened.
13. The 2nd HEA HSTAR Scholarship for Public School Teachers will be sent to schools when appropriate.
14. As of February 14, HEA membership count is 2,228.

Thank you to each of the Board members and to our staff!

Keep safe and stay well.

I'd like to share a quote with you from part of a note I received from HEA member and also my mindful meditation friend and teacher, Ernestine Enomoto. This note was written in context of the pandemic.

“All things are impermanent”. “Invest in the now”.
Thich Nhat Hanh, Ernestine's teacher, speaks of how vital impermanence is to life.

“Impermanence allows us to transform and move in a better direction. If things weren't impermanent, a situation couldn't change...with impermanence everything is possible. Diseases can be cured, a regime characterized by dictatorship can change, global warming can be reversed – otherwise global warming would be there forever. Because of impermanence, there is hope”.

She further writes – Staying the course, being calm and doing what needs to be done right now will take care of the present so that a future is possible.

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