

Finding Aid

to

**HSTA-Retired Teachers**

**Kauai District**

**2007 - 2021**

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### **Title: HSTA-Retired Teachers Kauai District**

#### **Extent:**

Ten three-ring binders; the contents of which vary from binder to binder. May include council meetings, activities, awards, Delegate Assembly, General membership meetings, photographs. Binders for years 2007-2021

**Abstract:** This collection is about the Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired which was formally organized in June 1995 and continues to this day, 2025.

#### **History: HSTA-Retired: The Beginning**

March – May, 1994 The HSTA Membership Services Committee discussed and recommended that retirees be organized.

April, 1994 HSTA sent retirees, Loretta Lum and Tamae Kop, to Seattle for the NEA-R Regional Meeting

May, 1994 Membership Services Committee chair, Justin Wong, submitted the committee's recommendation to HSTA President Mahoe.

June 1, 1994 The HSTA Board of Directors approved the proposal to organize HSTA-Retired and established a special committee to begin organizing retirees and developing an implementation plan.

September 9, 1994 The HSTA Board approved the appointment of the following to a committee to organize retirees: Shirley Elento (Retired), Odetta Fujimori (Active), Tamae Kop (Active), Loretta Lum (Retired), Sharon Mahoe (Active), Justin Wong (Membership Services Chair), June Motokawa (HSTA President), George Yamamoto (HSTA Executive Director) and Raymond Sodetani (CEO MBC).

September – November The Committee On Organizing Retirees (COOR) selected Justin Wong to be chair and Joan Spillner replaced Shirley Elento on the committee. The committee developed the implementation plan, including amendments to the HSTA Bylaws, proposed HSTA-Retired Bylaws, HSTA-Retired District Bylaws, HSTA-Retired dues and budget.

December 1, 1994 The HSTA Board of Directors approved the implementation plan (including a draft of the HSTA-Retired Bylaws, and proposed HSTA Bylaws amendments developed by the committee). The HSTA-Retired, also, approved funding for two retired members of the COOR to attend the NEA-R State Leaders Regional Meeting.

March, 1995 The HSTA Convention approved the proposed HSTA Bylaws Amendments developed by the COOR committee.

May 11, 1995 The HSTA Board of Directors approved the HSTA-Retired Bylaws, the 1995-1996 HSTA-Retired Budget, and set the HSTA-Retired annual dues at \$34. The Board also appointed temporary HSTA-Retired officers and directors: Odetta Fujimori, President; Loretta

Lum, Vice President; Justin Wong, Secretary-Treasurer; Beverly Johnston, Kauai Director; Inez Butterfield, Oahu Director; and Byron Toma, Kauai Director.

May, 1965 HSTA-Retired District meetings were held to elect district officers and delegates to the initial HSTA-Retired Delegate Assembly.

June 1995 The first HSTA-Retired Delegate Assembly was held at the HSTA offices located on Paa Street in Mapunapuna. The delegates elected state officers and directors for 1995-1996: Odetta Fujimori, President; Loretta Lum, Vice President; Justin Wong, Secretary-Treasurer; James Kaiona, Director; Ruth Kim, Director; Tamae Kop, Director; and Janet Ohta, Director. The following District Presidents are also on the first HSTA-Retired Board of Directors: Beverly Johnston, Kauai; Inez Butterfield, Oahu; Florence Nakama, Maui; and Sharon Kawagoe, Hawaii.

Amended and Restated ByLaws of the Hawaii State Teachers Association – Retired were adopted by the Delegate Assembly, April 29, 2025.

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**Three-ring Binder: Entitled - HSTA-Retired Kaua'i District 2007-2011 President Robert Kau'i Gilmore**

This three-ring binder is divided into five sections:

1. HSTA-R Kauai District Council Members Attendance Sheets
2. Kauai HSTA-R District Council Meetings Agendas and associated Minutes
3. Treasurers' Reports
4. HSTA-R District Kauai Membership Lists
5. Phone Tree and Email tree

Inserted in the back pocket of the binder are three copies of the ByLaws, the most recent one notes "Revisions approved 8/29/08."

**Three-ring binder: Entitled - HSTA-Retired 2008-2009 Award for Outstanding District Program Kauai District Robert (Kau'i) Gilmore, President**

[Note: There is no document indicating that Kauai received the Outstanding District Program award.]

This three-ring binder is divided into seven sections:

1. Directory District Council
2. Calendar of Activities
3. HSTA-R Kauai District Council Members Attendance Sheets and associated Minutes

4. Membership Meetings and Membership Lists
5. Activities – This section is particularly interesting in that it has a number of photographs highlighting various Community Volunteer Projects supported by HSTA-R. including the Kaua'i In-Step Program (Science & Technology Education Partnership), HSTA Teachers Institute Day, FIL-AM Book Collection for Philippine Students, Salvation Army Kokua Kitchen, and Whale Count
6. Treasurer's Reports
7. Newsletters – Kaua'i Chatter

**There is no three-ring binder for 2009-2010**

Available documents include:

- HSTA-R Kaua'i District Council 2009-2010
- Calendar of Activities 2009-2010
- Kaua'i's Report to Council March 2010, December 2009, September 2009, May 2009
- Budget 2009-2010
- Treasurer's Report
- Kauai HSTA-R District Council Planning Meetings
- HSTA-R Kaua'i District General Membership Meetings
- Newsletter: Kaua'i Chatter
- Photographs – A number of pages of photographs, including the Kauai District Officers and Council Members. Various activities are also highlighted, including the, General Atomics and Science Show and Exposition, Pre-retirement, Waimea High School ROTC, Social Services Welfare Dept, Salvation Army Kokua Kitchen, and HSTA Teacher Institute Day

**Three-ring binder: Entitled - HSTA-Retired 2010-2011 Award for Outstanding District Program Kauai District Robert (Kau'i) Gilmore, President**

This three-ring binder is divided into nine sections:

1. Kaua'i's Reports to Council (Robert (Kau'i) Gilmore, President)
2. HSTA-R Kaua'i District Council
3. Kauai District HSTA-R Calendar of Events
4. Kauai HSTA-R District Council Meetings Agendas and associated Minutes
5. General Membership Meetings Agendas and associated Minutes
6. Community Outreach – Includes a number of pages of photographs highlighting various volunteer activities, including the Salvation Army Kokua Kitchen, the Alzheimer Memory Walk, Christmas Toys Drive
8. Treasurer's Report
9. Newsletter – Kaua'i Chatter

**Note: HSTA-Retired received two state awards –**

**HSTA-Retired 2010-2011 Membership Award 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award**

## **HSTA-Retired 2010-2011 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Outstanding District Award**

### **Three-ring binder: Entitled - HSTA-Retired 2011-2012 Award for Outstanding District Program Kaua'i District Robert (Kau'i) Gilmore, President**

This three-ring binder is divided into nine sections:

1. Kauai's Reports to Council (Robert (Kau'i) Gilmore, President)  
Note: Due to President Kau'i Gilmore's hospitalization and continued health issues, he was unable to attend any state meetings and therefore did not have any president's report for the months after September
2. HSTA-R Kaua'i District Council with two photographs, one of the officers and one of the Council members
3. Kaua'i District HSTA-R Calendar of Events 2011-2012
4. Kauai HSTA-R District Council Meetings Agendas and associated Minutes
5. General Membership Meetings Agendas and associated Minutes
6. District Activities – Includes a number of pages of photographs highlighting various volunteer activities, including the Salvation Army Kokua Kitchen, a School Supply Distribution event, General Atomics Science Show and Exposition, the Children's Science Fair, Special Olympics – Cop on Top, the Lion's Club Vision/Hearing Test
7. Budget
8. Newsletter – Kaua'i Chatter
9. By-laws This section includes:
  1. a copy of the Bylaws of the HSTA-R, Kauai District Amended 4/27/00;
  2. a copy of the Bylaws of Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired Approved by HSTA Board of Directors: June 12, 2006;
  3. a copy of Resolutions of the Members of Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired Re: Adoption of plan of Incorporation Dated November 18, 2011;
  4. two copies of Exhibit A Plan of Incorporation of Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired Adopted by Board of Directors August 26, 2011;
  5. a copy of Annex 2 Bylaws of the Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired;
  6. a copy of Annex 1 Articles of Incorporation of Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired [This copy is neither dated nor signed by Justin F. Wong and Vaughn Tokashiki.]

Note: Placed in the pocket at the front of the binder are the following:

Resolutions of the Members of Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired –  
Re: Adoption of Plan of Incorporation – Dated: November 18, 2011  
Plan of Incorporation of Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired –  
Adopted by Board of Directors August 26, 2011  
Bylaws of Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired  
Articles of Incorporation of Hawaii State Teachers Association-Retired

**Note: HSTA- Retired Kauai District received three state awards - these are pictured in the binder**

**HSTA-Retired District of the Year Award**

**HSTA-Retired 2011 Outstanding District Newsletter Award**  
**HSTA-Retired 2011 Outstanding District Program Award**

**Three-ring binder – Entitled – HSTA-Retired 2012-2013 Districts & Community Clubs  
Kaua’i District Jean Dobashi, President**

This three-ring binder is divided into eight sections

1. President’s Reports, including a Year End Report, titled “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail.”
2. Directory of 2012-2013 Council members; photos of District officers and Council members
3. Calendar of Events
4. Council meetings: agendas and minutes, as well as photographs
5. Membership meetings: agendas and minutes, as well as photographs
6. District activities – Includes a number of pages of photographs highlighting various volunteer activities, including the Kokua Kitchen at the Hanapepe Salvation Army, Christmas Gift Card Donations to assist the Kauai Child Welfare Services, Foster Child Program (handwritten personal thank you notes from some of the recipients are included), Lion’s Club Vision/Hearing Testing, Alzheimer’s Memory Walk, General Atomics Science Show and Exposition, the Children’s Science Fair, Special Olympics – Cop on Top
7. Budget/Financial Reports
8. Newsletter – Kaua’i Chatter

**2012 HSTA-Retired Kauai District of the Year 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Award**

**Three-ring binder – Entitled – HSTA-Retired Kaua’i District 2012-2015 President 2012-2014 Jean Dobashi 2014-2016 Sandra Gage**

This three-ring binder is divided into six sections

1. Kaua’i District Council 2014-2015; 2013-2014; 2012-2013
2. Executive Council Minutes 2015-2014; 2013; 2012
3. General Membership Minutes 2015-2014; 2013-2012
4. Treasurer’s Report 2014; 2013; 2012
5. Committee Reports Phone Tree; Kokua Kitchen at the Hanapepe Salvation Army
6. Grant application (for HSTA-R shirts to be worn by members); Newsletter: Kaua’i Chatter

**There is no three-ring binder for 2013-2014**

**Available documents include:**

- HSTA-R Kaua’i District Council 2013-2014
- Kauai District general Meeting, January 26, 2014
- HSTA – Retired Report: Membership; Meetings; Community Projects; Field Trips; Awards

- Awards included Kauai District named outstanding district for 2013-14 (\$500.00), Outstanding Newsletter (\$50), Distinguished Service Award to James Yamamoto-Kauai – received this reward 3 years in a row
- Passport to Education - Memories are Priceless (narrative by Jimmy Yamamoto, sharing highlights of his trip to Switzerland in 2012)

**Three-ring binder – Entitled – HSTA-Retired 2015-2016 Districts & Community Clubs  
Kaua’i District Sandra Gage, President**

This three-ring binder is divided into eight sections

1. Annual President’s Report (see this for activities)
2. Directory (District Council)
3. Calendar of Activities
4. Council meetings: agendas and minutes
5. Membership meetings: agendas and minutes, as well as photographs
6. District activities – Includes a number of pages of photographs highlighting various organization activities as well as volunteer activities: 2015 State Delegate Assembly, a visit to the Pacific Missile Range Facility, a tour of the National Tropical Botanical Garden, meeting with Kauai’s Legislators, HSTA Institute Day, Special Olympics fundraiser Cop on Top, Christmas Gift Card Project to assist the Kauai Child Welfare Services Foster Child Program, the Hanapepe Salvation Army Kokua Kitchen
7. Budget/Financial Reports
8. Newsletter and Electronic Communications– Kaua;i Chatter and a single copy of the State newsletter, The Messenger

**Note: HSTA- Retired Kauai District received two state awards - these are pictured in the binder:**

**HSTA-Retired District of Year Second Place  
HSTA-Retired Outstanding District Membership Award**

**Three-ring binder – Entitled - HSTA-Retired 2016-2017 Districts & Community Clubs  
Kaua’i District Sandra Gage, President**

This three-ring binder is divided into nine sections

1. President’s Report
2. Directory Council Members
3. Calendar of Events
4. Council meetings: agendas and minutes
5. Membership meetings: agendas and minutes, as well as photographs
6. District activities – Many many photographs of general membership activities as well as community service projects: the Salvation Army Kokua Kitchen, recognition of James Yamamoto as a Kauai County Living Treasure, Meet and Greet new retirees, Special Olympics Cop on Top Fundraiser, Fine Dining at Kauai Community College, Smith’s Wailua River Boat Ride, Kauai Hindu Monastery, the Dept of Social

- Services Foster Child Program – Christmas Gift Cards, Kauai HSTA Institute Day, Kumu’s Cupboard Grand Opening
7. Budget
  8. Newsletter – Kaua’i Chatter and several copies of the State newsletter, The Messenger
  9. e-communications

**HSTA-Retired District Communications 1<sup>st</sup> Place Award**

**Three-ring binder – Entitled – HSTA-Retired Kaua’i District 2018-2019**

This three-ring binder is divided into seven sections

1. Directory
2. Calendar of Events
3. District meetings: agendas and minutes
4. General Membership - agendas and minutes
5. Treasurer’s Report
6. Communications – Of significance is a message from Beverly Gotelli noting “why documents are needed at the State, District and Community Clubs. Your minutes are legal documents and verify what you are going to spend your dues on.”
7. Publications - Several copies of the Kaua’i Chatter with numerous photographs.

**Three-ring binder – Entitled – HSTA-Retired 2020-2021 Districts & Community Clubs Kaua’i District Crucita Todd, President**

This three-ring binder is divided into nine sections

1. Directory – with photo of council members
2. Calendar of Events
3. President’s Report
4. District meetings: agendas and minutes
5. General Membership - agendas and minutes (with photos of the January General Membership meeting) – The majority of subsequent meetings were cancelled due to the shutdown necessitated by the Covid pandemic.
6. Activities – Most activities were cancelled due to the Covid pandemic; however, many members of HSTA-Retired volunteered for a variety of organizations. There is a plethora of photos reflecting these activities.
7. Treasurer’s Reports
8. Communications – Important documents in this section include: HSTA-Retired Fiduciary Code of Conduct 2020, Financial Conflict of Interest Policy May 9, 2019, Whistleblower Policy (September 1, 2009), Records Retention and Destructions Policy (Effective September 1, 2009)
9. Publications - Several copies of the Kaua’i Chatter with photographs.

**Official Folder - 2020 District Membership Award - Has demonstrated excellence in increasing district membership – April 23, 2021**

**Official Folder – 2021 District Program Award – Has demonstrated excellence in in its district program for members – April 23, 2021**

**Official Folder – 2021 District Communication Award – Has demonstrated excellence in communicating with its members – April 23, 2021**

**Official Folder – 2021 District Communication Award – Has demonstrated excellence in program, membership and communication – April 23, 2021**