Informational Workshops

Social Security Filing Strategies
Social Security can represent 30-40% of our retirement income, yet most retirees don’t know the extent of benefit options available, including one of the most important factors - spousal benefits. And this lack of awareness could potentially result in leaving hundreds of thousands of dollars in lifetime income on the table. Your filing choice will have a significant impact on the amount of income you receive throughout retirement. In this workshop you will learn about the basics and rules behind Social Security, how to determine the right filing strategy, and how to integrate Social Security into a comprehensive retirement income plan.

Cyber Ethics for Educators
Fred Lane
Cybertraps for Educators discusses a wide range of potential legal traps for teachers stemming from the use and misuse of electronic technology and social media, including: cyberloafing, viewing inappropriate content in schools, mishandling investigations of student misconduct, cyber-bailing, identity theft and fake social media profiles, voyeurism, child pornography, sexting, and sexual assault.

Retirement... Your Best Years!
Glenda Anderson
HSTA-Retired members alert active teachers of the need to plan for retirement. Information will be shared about retirement updates, estimating expenses, useful websites and contact information. They will also have information on unused sick leave, health benefit premiums, post-retirement, and the nine steps to a happy retirement.

Employee Retirement System (ERS) - Retirement Overview
Paul George & Emau Cleveland
Hybrid, Noncontributory, and Contributory members will get an overview of your retirement benefits and what you need to know and consider in making decisions that affect your future. Also, information to help Hybrid, Noncontributory, and Contributory members plan for a happy retirement.

A Model Code of Ethics for Educators
Dr. Troy Hutchings
Classroom educators have an almost impossible daily task - addressing the academic, personal and social needs of society’s most vulnerable population. Furthermore, teachers do not have clearly defined roles, and have been ascribed expectations that far exceed classroom content delivery. This interactive and engaging presentation will focus on how the Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE) establishes a framework to better navigate the complexities and competing tensions of the schooling environment.

Your Health Plan: EUTF, HMSA & Kaiser
Kali Puuohau, Sarah Schubert & Dave Shiroma
Learn more about your health plan benefits from the Employer Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF). Then hear from HMSA and Kaiser representatives about health plans options and what you should consider when selecting a plan that is right for you.

HSTA Negotiations: Listening Session & Q&A
Your voice matters. Come to this session and talk with your HSTA officers and leaders.

Restorative Non-Violent Communication and Trauma-Informed Schools
Jamaica La Turner
Learn what it means to be a restorative school that is trauma-informed, and how your school can become one.

National Board Certified Teachers
Learn how certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards can help you and your students by advancing the quality of teaching and learning.

Degrees Not Debt
Teresa Meunch
This workshop will cover the basics of the Federal Loan Forgiveness Programs and the steps necessary to qualify for these programs. We will also introduce the new online navigation tool provided by NEA to their members to assist them through this process.

Reclassification for Higher Pay
John Fitzpatrick
Would you like to move up the pay scale? This workshop will help you navigate the reclassification paperwork, PDE3 online and the approval process, so you get paid more as soon as possible!

Highly Effective Teachers - EES Focus Group
Ashley Olson
The goal of this breakout session is to gather input from those teachers who currently hold a “highly effective” rating. Input will be taken back to the Joint EES Committee to further refine the EES and continue to shape an EES that is valid, valuable and equitable.

Kids 4 CPR
Danielle Lunn
If someone — including you — suddenly collapsed in your classroom would you or your students know what to do? There are precious few minutes to save the life of someone in cardiac arrest. Kids 4 CPR is working to teach students across Hawaii the simple steps and what to do, including doing CPR and how to use an AED. Learn why this is hands-on training program is so important and how you can bring this absolutely free program to your school. You could save a life.