## The Value of Joining HSTA-Retired

You will continue all the numerous benefits through HSTA member discounts and the multiple benefits and programs of NEA-Retired.

NEA-Retired is a strong voice for retirees at the national level, working to protect and maintain your Social Security benefits and strengthen Medicare.

You will maintain your Liability Insurance should you substitute teach after retiring.

To continue VEBA programs – You must join the unified membership of NEA-Retired and HSTA-Retired.

HSTA-Retired serves as a strong advocate for its retired members through the HSTA-Retired Legislative Priorities. Your concerns about pension and health benefits are actively addressed.



#### Who Are We?

We are your friends and colleagues ... Our association have over 6,100 members. We are affiliated with over 300,000 NEA-Retired members.

We are a volunteer organization supported by our membership dues, grants from NEA-Retired, and the good work of our members. We have been successful leaders and advocates for most of the key legislation enacted to improve benefits for retired members.

We are a member-centered organization that provides fellowship, networking opportunities, community services and camaraderie.

We conduct pre-retirement seminars to help active members prepare for retirement.

We provide planned social events to keep you informed and to build new friendships. newsletters keep you informed on current events.

### What Does It Cost?

A one-time fee of \$300 provides a life membership in NEA-Retired and eliminates fee increases for the rest of your life.

If you are a lifetime member of NEA-Retired, HSTA-Retired annual dues will be \$48 that includes \$1 for HSTA affiliate membership. If you are not a life member of NEA-Retired, the annual dues are \$35.04 for NEA-Retired and \$48 for HSTA-Retired (\$83.04 total). Dues are collected

through a deduction from your monthly pension check (either \$6.92 for dual membership, or \$4.00 for NEA Lifetime Subscribers).

## Why Should You Join?

By joining, you will add your voice to a growing association of over 6,100 retired teachers. Together we lobby our state legislators, in an effort to retain and improve our retirement and health benefits.

As a member, you will be able to attend retiree meetings throughout the state to learn about important issues. You will receive newsletters on a regular basis to keep you informed. As a member, you will continue all benefits you had as an active ... long term care insurance and life insurance. You can enroll in any benefits and discounts offered by HSTA-Retired and NEA-Retired.

Check out HSTA-Retired website to download the Nine Steps to a Happy Retirement

## and HSTA-Retired membership application form. HSTA-Retired

# The BEST Way to Protect this Special Time of your LIFE ... is to Join HSTA-Retired!

Contact information:

## **HSTA/VEBA TRUST**

Oahu: (808) 440-6940 Neighbor Island: 1-800-637-4926 Website: www.hstaveba.org

## Employees Retirement System ERS

Oahu: 808-586-1735
Hawaii: 808-974-4077
Maui: 808-984-8181
Kauai: 808-274-3010
Molokai & Lanai, toll free to Oahu:
1-800-468-4644, ext 61735
Continental U.S. toll-free to Oahu:

1-888-659-0708

Website: <a href="http://ers.ehawaii.gov">http://ers.ehawaii.gov</a>

## Hawai'i Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund (EUTF)

Oahu: 808- 586-7390 Toll Free 1-800-295-0089

## **Social Security Administration**

1-800-772-1213

Website: www.ssa.gov

## **Medicare**

1-800-633-4227

Website: www.medicare.gov

## Hawaii State Teachers Association - Retired

Oahu: 808- 840-2258

Website: <u>www.hstaretired.org</u>

## **Nearing Retirement?**

Stay in Touch! Stay involved! Protect Your Retirement! Join

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