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Presidents Message

At the last board meeting, the board decided to hold the board of directors' election in June. We will elect the next board members for next year.

From the bylaws:

HMS will host an Annual Membership Meeting to report on the financial conditions and on operations of the organization. At that time, HMS will hold an election of Directors who will serve for 2 years, half will be elected each year on an alternating basis. The notice of the Annual Meeting will be sent via email or mail to members no less than 30 days prior to the election.

Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall consist of no less than 7 members including HMS Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer). The HMS Board shall serve a renewable 2-year term. The HMS Board may consist of non-HMS Members who will serve to further HMS and its sustainability and fulfillment of its mission. The terms of the members of the Board of Directors will be staggered such that half of the board term will end on one year and the other half will end the following year.

We are seeking members to run for the board. We need to have at least 9 candidates for the election. Please consider helping support the shed by volunteering to run for the board.

Database

The member's database is now up on our website. Please log in to the website and check that we have the correct information for you. We would like to have an emergency contact for everyone. In the database, many of you do not have an emergency contact.

To log into the website:

Go to:

www.honolulumensshed.org

If you have previously logged into the website and remember your password, then go to login on the top bar. Enter your email address. Enter your password. Go to Account in the top line. Check that the information in the database is correct and add the emergency contact information if is not there.

If you have not logged in before or you do not remember your password, then go to:

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Go to login on the top bar. Enter your email address.

Then click on "Forgot Password". This will cause an email to be sent to your email with instructions on how to set up a new password.

Once you have set up a new password, go back and log into your account.

Go to Account at the top of the screen. Check that the information in the database is correct and add the emergency contact information if is not there.

Thanks

Tim O'Donnell

President

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The picnic table crew has been at it. Here are pictures of a new Red one that will be delivered to Jefferson School.

Picnic Table Update



Raw material for the next picnic table arrives at the shed. Colin cuts the pieces to size.



Glenn sands the boards and Walt routes the edges so that the table will be smooth for the students.

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The finished table ready to go to Jefferson Elementary School. This was number four of five for Jefferson. First one was purple, then yellow the next pink. These are for first graders, and they will be used to teach the kids table manners during lunch.

The lumber, hardware and paint has been generously donated by Lowes at Iwilei.

This is a great example of a community project that shows our commitment to the public. It also looks very good on our grant applications

If you would like to help, please contact Colin Porner (808 291-4472) or Glenn Sears (808 373-6140). This is a great community project, and we welcome volunteers for the rest of the tables. It's fun, productive and serves a great purpose.

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Recent and On-going Activities

Tai Chi - Dr. Randy Wong began sharing his 3 decades of experience teaching Tai Chi Chuan. Offered Wednesday and Saturday mornings at 7:30 - 8:00am on Zoom. A \$5 per session donation to the Honolulu Men's Shed is suggested. Send your email address to randywongmd@aol.com to obtain the Zoom links

Bikes wanted - Keep spreading the word around town with the bike flyer. The latest version of the flyer is on the wall in the talk story area. It is paying off with many donations coming into the shed. The flyer can also be found at:

[Bikes Wanted! | Honolulu Men's Shed \(honolulumensshed.org\)](https://honolulumensshed.org)



Hawaii News Now

We have had another segment presented on Hawaii News Now. Glenn Sears was interviewed, and the interview was aired on April 4th. You can view it here:

[Kapuna Achiever Glenn Sears | Honolulu Men's Shed \(honolulumensshed.org\)](https://honolulumensshed.org)

This the fourth segment Hawaii News now has aired on the Honolulu Men's Shed. The other three are:

[Hawaii News Now – Kapuna Frank Smith Bikes | Honolulu Men's Shed \(honolulumensshed.org\)](https://honolulumensshed.org)

[Hawaii News Now – Kapuna Achiever | Honolulu Men's Shed \(honolulumensshed.org\)](https://honolulumensshed.org)

[Hawaii News Now – Kapuna Wisdom | Honolulu Men's Shed \(honolulumensshed.org\)](https://honolulumensshed.org)

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SAUSAGE SIZZLE TIME



The Honolulu Men's Shed invites you to our BBQ at 11:30, Saturday, May 21, 2022, at the Men's Shed workshop. There will be sausages, hot dogs, sodas, beer, chips, potato salad and more.

Put the date on your calendar. More information will be sent closer to the event.

This will be the first sizzle since covid hit two years ago. It will be a great opportunity for all our members and spouses to celebrate and get re-acquainted.

Member Spotlight



Bob Speer - Treasurer, Honolulu Men's Shed (HMS)

My original home is in Western Michigan where I grew up on a farm in an exceptionally diverse farming area. My father and uncles all loved the environment and most loved to work with wood in one form or another. Although I am not an activist, I have many environmental concerns.

I had the privilege of attending the US Naval Academy in Annapolis after which I served in the Navy for 30 years in the nuclear submarine force. I served on six submarines three of which were in the Atlantic and three in the Pacific and was also blessed to have the privilege of commanding two of these incredible vessels. My last duty station was at the Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies at Fort Derussy where I served as the Director of Conferencing. Through my career I have gained experience in understanding of the military-industrial complex as well as our national security. I have many submarine stories that are fun to talk about.....and no, I never got claustrophobic☺!

Since retiring from the Naval Submarine Service in 2001, I have been active in fourteen volunteer/non-profit organizations, being the leader of four, the treasurer of three, and working in others to strive for compliance with 501 c (3) and other regulatory requirements.

I joined the Shed in November of 2019 and became a Director and the Treasurer in February 2020. While serving HMS as Treasurer I have:

- Developed full fiscal accounting methods ensuring full transparency using QuickBooks
- Provided monthly income and expense statements for the BOD.
- Coordinated and conducted the celebration of life event in memory of Michael Trojan.
- Arranged for the purchase of the thickness sander
- Slabbed koa trees on the HARC property to benefit the Shed

Regarding the other volunteer/non-profit organizations, highlights include:

- Working with the UH Master gardener program, focusing on organic techniques, soils, orchids, roses, and invasive species.
- Presiding over the Kunia Orchid Society
- Working extensively with my church

I aspire to continue to support the HMS by stabilizing our financial programs and providing guidance for future HMS initiatives including finding a permanent business location and developing retail sales programs. I believe the mission of the HMS is excellent and hope we can continue to expand our support for senior citizens.