



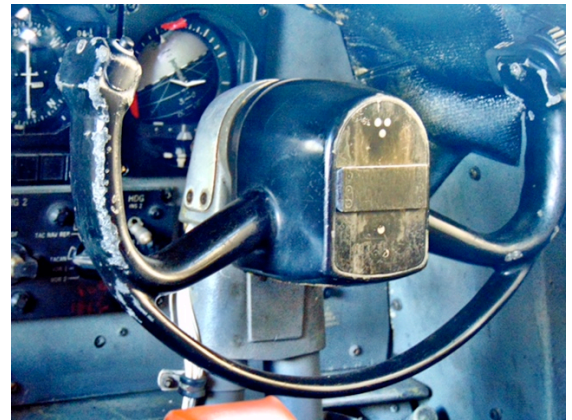
Welcome! Spring is here, summer is on its way, and I'm glad to reconnect with Hga's members and friends! We had an early start this year with the Elementary Secondary Education Act (ESEA), reaching

an agreement on a bill that would include the needs of the gifted and talented! And, as confirmed, the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) lived up to expectations in 2016. The new provisions allowed for (1) access for low-income students to have advanced coursework and gifted programs under Title I, (2) training for more Educators under Title II, and (3) collection of new data on student achievement which, in turn, will alert us to additional needed resources. It has been a long road but well worth the advocacy efforts!

As spring rolled around, Hga paid its annual visits to the Hill in March and convened with Affiliates to advocate continued support for Javits Funding in Fiscal Year 2017. It is so important to understand that Javits Funding makes a difference in providing research funds to best serve gifted and talented students and producing best practices and strategies that can be used throughout NAGC Affiliates and related programs. Thank you to Hga's advocates, near and far, who have tirelessly pushed

forward to bring gifted and talented issues to the forefront. We look forward to setting a strategic plan in place to bring about a smooth transition to address an efficient accountability system, specific populations, low-performing schools, intervention, testing and professional development.

On the local level, bills that have succeeded in being passed include (as many of you know) cool schools, educational trips, graduate assistants, athletic travel, sexual harassment, Erin's law, teaching incentives and prohibited sugar beverages. The many successes will have an overall positive impact on the student as a whole and elevate their learning potential.



Scholarships

Hga is pleased to announce the John and Pam Talbot Scholarship besides its own annual Hga scholarship. Applications for these scholarships are available upon request with a narrative addressing the need and

qualifications of the applicant. Hga welcomes your inquiries.

2016 Online Gallery

Hga's online gallery has a new theme, "Reaching New Elevations From College To Career." Artists interested in submitting an image, click here for the [prospectus](#). As in prior years, the image remains on the Hga website for one year from September 16, 2016 to September 2017. Please go to our website to submit a registration form and submit image(s).

Lance Walters is this year's featured artist. He is an assistant professor at the University of Hawaii School of Architecture where he teaches beginning design, digital representation and fabrication courses. Much of his work focuses on the mechanics of building and technology which stem from his interest in hands-on making, designing and aviation. He is a licensed pilot and holds architecture and environmental design degrees from Harvard and Montana State University. He brings an added perspective to the online gallery!

NAGC Convention at Disney World

Reminder! Don't forget to register for the Annual NAGC Convention coming up on November 3-6 at Disney World Resort in Florida. There should be plenty to see and learn! Go to www.nagc.org to register and learn more about the convention. Early bird rates from April 1 to September 30!

Boat Cruises!!

Hop on board on any one of these boats and enjoy a beautiful sunset cruise with fireworks! The cost is \$35 per person. A percentage of the proceeds goes to our

Hga Scholarship Fund. Contact higifted@aol.com with questions and directions. Scheduled cruises: Spring sails are on April 22 and May 20; summer sails are on June 17, July 22 and August 18.

Take a book, leave a book!

The Little Free Library was started in 2009, by Todd Bol and eventually became a nonprofit organization that supports the worldwide movement to offer free books housed in small containers to members of the local community. The organization is based in Hudson, Wisconsin, US. Little Free Libraries are also referred to as community book exchanges, neighborhood book exchanges, book trading posts, pop-up libraries, and micro-libraries, and have been likened to human bird feeders.





THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hga, Hawai Gifted Association is now 40 years strong! We owe this to dedicated volunteers, parents, students and educators who have struggled and strategically advocating for the gifted and talented. We have reached a milestone in what has been accomplished. I would like to thank YOU for your support and believing in Hga.

In the coming months, you can anticipate some activities as our paper plane competition, gallery exhibits, online gallery, BWW (Buffalo Wild Wings' "Eat Wings, Raise Funds days"), monthly sails from Kewalo, and the Hga annual meeting celebration. We hope you, old and new members, will join us in at least one of these planned activities and get to know Hga better!

Aloha,

Christine Ohtani-Chang

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In 2011 The Little Library received national media attention. By the end of 2011 there were nearly 400 Little Free Libraries across the U.S. By January of 2016, the number of Little Free Libraries has reached over 36,000.

There is a web site where you can put in your zip code and find the closest Little Free Library near you. According to the map, if you put in HI, it says there are 7 on Oahu.

<https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>



We were very excited and honored to place our first Habitat Community Book Hale at the [Hawaii Children's Discovery Center!](#) These hale were started by our volunteers at our ReStore holiday workshop in December. [Native Books/ Na Mea Hawaii](#), has partnered with us to help fill the hale with books. Keep your eyes peeled for our Book Hale in the following locations: the [Hawaii Children's Discovery Center](#), [Key Project Kahaluu](#), our

[ReStore](#) and the [Papakolea Community Center](#). Happy reading!

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Contact Hga and sign up for the quick airplane challenge! All you have to do is fold your plane on an 8 1/2" x 11" paper and see how far it goes. The paper plane going the farthest distance in flight wins the competition! Get your school, club, university or group to try the challenge! Winners and design of their paper planes will be recognized in Hga's next newsletter. Contact us at higifted@aol.com!



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The Hawaii Gifted Association is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to enrich the lives of the gifted and talented, educators, parents and communities. Hga was first established in 1976 and found its roots with the Mensa organization. Some years thereafter, Hga has evolved into a resource for the gifted and talented, offering feedback, advocacy, workshops, annual gallery show, consultation and assessments. We currently have 13 members on Hga's Board of Directors for 2014. Our services are free as we primarily rely on donations to the organization. We produce a biannual newsletter with additional information available found on our web site at www.higifted.info.



In flight for 2016, reaching new elevations from college to career!

Dear gifted and talented advocate,

Our request for your continued support in 2016-2017 is upon us once again. We appreciate how far you have taken our advocacy efforts in 2016 by opening new opportunities and collaborative partnerships. Your consideration of a donation to the Hawaii Gifted Association will further our professional development efforts with additional resources for the gifted and talented through our advocacy, exhibits, workshops and activities. As you know, our services are free and donations and Hga memberships assist in general operational cost and annual scholarships. Your donation provides the Hawaii Gifted Association in continuing its role in your community! Thank you once again in recognizing the importance of identifying and assisting in providing services to gifted and talented individuals!

Donations: Mastercard, VISA, check or cash accepted. Please make checks payable to Hawaii Gifted Association.

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