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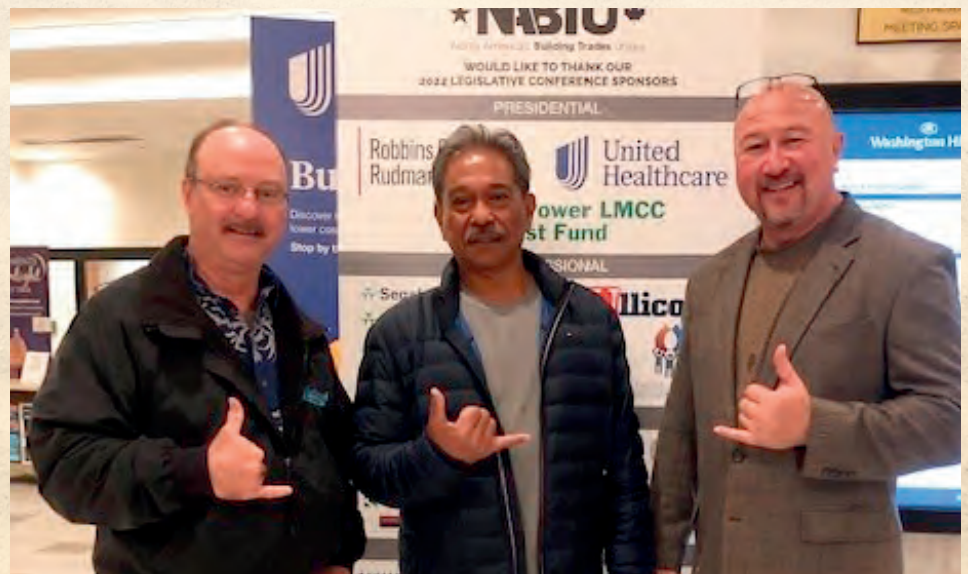
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Hawaii was well-represented by the union affiliates of the Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council at the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) Legislative Conference in April of this year. The 2022 conference opened with a welcome by **Brent Booker**, Secretary-Treasurer of NABTU with keynote speaker **Sean McGarvey**, President of NABTU. Other honorary speakers included **Lisa Murkowski**, U.S. Senate, **Nancy Pelosi**, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives, and **Liz Shuler**, the first woman President of the AFL-CIO. The special honorary speakers on the final day of the conference included **Tim Ryan**, U.S. House of Representatives, **Charles Schumer**, Majority Leader, U.S. Senate, **Stacey Abrams**, Candidate for Governor of Georgia, **Pete Buttigieg**, Secretary, U.S. Dept of Transportation, and concluded with **The Honorable Joe Biden, President of the United States.**

President Biden spoke intensively about the war in Ukraine. He talked about the historic year of policy wins

for union construction workers, the implementation of the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law and the positive effects of the new Executive Order on Project Labor Agreements. These laws will create opportunities for the councils and union affiliates across the nation.

Hawaii received a brief spotlight at the conference. **Speaker of the Senate, Chuck Schumer** stated that Hawaii is the most union-strong state in the country, right in front of New York. A bright note at the educational legislative conference ending in the nation's capital.



(l-r) President Matthew Brady, Business Manager Valentino Ceria, and Govt & Comm Affairs Dir Kika Bukoski, attending the NABTU legislative conference in Washington D.C.

Business Manager's Message | Valentino B. Ceria



(l-r) Govt & Comm Affairs Dir Kika Bukoski, President Matthew Brady, UA Genl Secty Treasurer Patrick Kellett, and Bus Mgr Valentino Ceria at the NABTU Legislative Conference.

In April, I attended the North America Building Trades Unions (NABTU) Legislative Conference, along with President **Matthew Brady** and Government & Community Affairs Director **Kika Bukoski**. We had the opportunity to learn about legislative accomplishments and upcoming priorities, also met with other union leaders and congressional members. I met with our own UA General Secretary-Treasurer **Pat Kellett** to talk about the construction outlook. He mentioned there is a lot of work on the horizon for our membership. The new 1.2 trillion-dollar Infrastructure Bill that **President Biden** initiated and got passed pushes for Project Labor Agreements (PLAs). That's union work coming from this funding. Further, **President Biden's** Executive Order on PLAs states, Federal agencies "shall require every contractor or subcontractor" on federal projects "to require or become a party to a PLA." This would be for projects with estimated costs of \$35 million or more. This Executive Order affects \$262 billion in federal government contracts. We also met with some of our congressional people who supported the Infrastructure Bill such as **Senator Brian Schatz**, and Congressman Kai Kahele's Chief of Staff, **Christy Wagner**. Here in Hawaii, a large federal project coming up is the construction of Dry Dock #5 at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. We recently attended a meeting with **Bechtel Corp.**, one of the five general contractors vying for this project, that is open to a Project Labor Agreement. That is good for all Union affiliates. It is estimated to cost around \$3.4 billion and will take five years to build out.

Recently, we had the pleasure of hosting our new UA International Representative for California and Hawaii, **Aaron Stockwell**, who comes out of Local 447 Sacramento, California. Along with Brother Stockwell was Brother **Patrick Dolan, Jr.** who is the UA Director of Metal Trades. He comes out of the Steamfitters Local 638 New York. They were here to visit our local union office, the training facility and also to visit the Metal Trades UA Local Union 811 in Pearl Harbor. When they left they had only positive things to say

about our organization and was happy to see that the construction industry here is still booming.

Training just had an apprentice recruitment testing and interview sessions on April 9th for prospective new apprentices that would fulfill the contractors' work requests. Construction is still going strong and we need to make sure we have the manpower available.

Politically, we interviewed many candidates for the upcoming primary election and made some of our endorsements noted in this newsletter (page 3). We will need for you to be registered to vote, so please help support and vote for the candidates who support us.

I am happy to inform you that we have scheduled our annual holiday dinners for Oahu and neighbor islands this year. Dates confirmed are **December 5th** for **Kona**, **December 6th** for **Hilo**, **December 10th** on **Oahu** at the Hilton Hawaiian Village, **December 13th** on **Kauai**, and **December 14th** on **Maui**. Being that we are living in unpredictable times, we are hoping everything go as planned.

The Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council has also scheduled the **Labor Unity Picnic** to be held on **Sunday, September 4th**, the day before Labor Day. More information will be forthcoming as it gets closer, and I hope you and your ohana come out and attend this free event honoring all union members.

We had our last Union Meeting on May 2nd before the summer break at the DAV Hall. When we start up again on **Tuesday, September 6th**, we will go back to Washington Middle School. The General Membership Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. except for the summer months (June, July, August). Meeting notices are sent when there is a change in date, venue, or a special notice. We hope that more of you take the time to attend the Union meetings to be informed of your Union. We have a very busy year ahead and so be healthy and stay safe!



Hawaii Congressional Senator Brian Schatz and Business Manager Valentino Ceria, meeting at the NABTU conference.

The Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 675 Candidate Endorsements – 2022 Primary Elections



Nalani Jenkins for City Council District VI, and Business Manager Valentino Ceria.

The Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 675 would like to announce the formal endorsement of the listed incumbents/candidates in the upcoming 2022 Primary Elections.

All specific requests for endorsement are considered. Local 675 thoroughly reviews, researches and discusses each request received. Decisions to endorse, not endorse, etc., are based on criteria that include but are not limited to the following:

- Incumbent Candidate status vs. New Candidate status;
- Previous voting record, if any;
- Positions on issues that are of importance to the community;
- Positions on issues that are of importance to Local 675 and its members;
- Accessibility and overall relationship with Local 675.

Elected Officials and policy makers decide on issues that affect our lives each and every day. The Union's ability to provide for its members and their families rely on its ability to influence decisions, make sure they're made in-line with Union beliefs, and bring value to our industry and our members. It's important that every member understands the collective value of being politically proactive and engaged, and most importantly, the value of our collective vote.

A politically engaged and informed membership is vital to the continued success of the Plumbers and Pipefitters UA Local 675 far into the future.

With that said, Local 675 would not only like to ask for your vote, but ask that you inform your family and friends, and ask for their support and vote as well.

Mail-in ballots will be received by **July 26**, and **Primary Elections** will be held on **August 13, 2022**.

*If you would like to volunteer, be more involved in the campaign process or have any questions, please contact Local 675's Director of Government & Community Affairs, **Kika G. Bukoski** at (808) 441-1033 or via email at: kika@hilocal675.com.*

United States Congress:

SCHATZ, Brian- US Senate

CASE, Ed- US Representative- District I

BRANCO, Patrick- U.S. Representative- District II

Governor

GREEN, Josh- Governor

Lieutenant Governor

LUKE, Sylvia- Lt. Governor

State Senate

INOUYE, Lorraine Rodero- State Senate- District 1

DeCOITE, Lynn Pualani- State Senate- District 7

MISALUCHA, Bennette- State Senate- District 16

State House of Representatives

SAIKI, Scott- House of Representatives Dist. 25

BELATTI, Della A.- House of Representatives Dist. 26

KAULULA`AU, Wayne- House of Representative Dist. 40

ELI, Stacelyn- State House of Representatives Dist. 43

City Council of Honolulu

TSUNEYOSHI, Chad- City Council District II

WATERS, Tommy- City Council District IV

JENKINS, Nalani- City Council District VI

OKIMOTO, Valerie Aquino- City Council District VIII

Hawai`i Island County Council

LEE LOY, Susan (Sue)- County Council District 3

KIERKIEWICZ, Ashley- County Council District 4

EVANS, Cindy- County Council District 9

Maui Island County Council

KAMA, Tasha- Kahului Maui

U`U-HODGINS, Nohe- Makawao-Haiku

SUGIMURA, Yuki Lei- Upcountry Maui

PELE, John- Moloka`i

Kaua`i County Council

COWDEN, Felicia- Kaua`i County Council

KAGAWA, Ross- Kaua`i County Council

KUALI`I, Kipukai- Kaua`i County Council

Training Highlights



(l-r) Bus Mgr Valentino Ceria, UA Intl Repr for CA and HI Aaron Stockwell, Head Trng Coord Dean Kobashigawa, UA Metal Trades Dir Patrick Dolan, Jr., Asst Trng Coord Joel Reyes, and Asst Trng Coord Ronden Numasaki.

UA Visits Training

During the week of April 18th, Local 675 was pleased to host **Aaron Stockwell**, UA International Representative for California and Hawaii, and Brother **Patrick Dolan, Jr.**, UA Director of Metal Trades. They were here to visit our Local Union and Training Department for the first time as well as our sister Metal Trades Local 811 in Pearl Harbor. At the end of their stay, Brothers **Stockwell** and **Dolan** expressed their gratitude for the hospitality and "getting to know about your local a bit better." They were both impressed with the Union accomplishments as well as the achievements of the Training division.

School to Start-Up

The Fall 2022 semester is coming up soon! Classes will start on **August 8 - 9th**. The online registration will open up on **July 4 - 9th**. "Each student has their own PAMCAH apprentice account. This is where they would need to log in to their account and make payment for registration," said Head Training Coordinator, Dean Kobashigawa. For questions regarding Training or the Apprenticeship Program, please contact the Training Office at **(808) 456-0585**.

Local 675 FCU Welcomes New Officers at the 35th Annual Meeting

The Local 675 Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting was held virtually on Friday, May 20, 2022. Below are the results of the nominated and elected positions:

Matthew Brady Vice President/Board Director
Lance Hayashi Credit Committee Member

Samuel Barrett, Jr. was appointed as a Supervisory Committee Member by the Board of Directors. All positions are for three-year terms.

56th Annual Apprenticeship Graduation

The 56th Annual Apprenticeship Graduation ceremony sponsored by the Honolulu Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry will be held at the **Hilton Hawaiian Village** on **Saturday, July 9th**. The graduating class will be for Fall 2021 - Spring 2022 semesters.

Construction Career Day

Training is participating in the CCD (Construction Career Day) event this year. It will be held at the **Aloha Stadium** on **September 29 -30th**. "This is a great event where about 800 students from high schools and middle schools come out to participate in actual activities in the construction industry. We will have activities relating to the trades that we offer in our apprenticeship program," explained Head Training Coordinator **Dean Kobashigawa**. He mentioned there is also going to be a CCD event on Kauai, **November 3rd** at the **Kauai Community College** campus.

FCU News

Consolidate Debt and Save

For a limited time we are offering a special loan rate starting at **4.99% APR***! Move all of your high interest debt into a single, lower interest, affordable monthly payment.

Simply consolidate your debt into Plumbers & Fitters Local 675 Federal Credit Union.

For more information, contact the Credit Union at **(808) 537-9135**.

*APR-Annual Percentage Rate. Subject to credit approval. Rates are subject to change at any time and are not guaranteed. Individual rates may vary depending on credit worthiness.

Retiree Club Hears the Latest News



Retiree Club Officers pose with LU 675 Business Manager. (l-r) Alan Arakaki-2nd VP, Jonathan Lee-President, Derek Hirao-VP, Willy Kanno-former President, Valentino Ceria, Glenn Hashimoto-Director, Tracy Tanouye-Treasurer, Elpidio Tivera-Secretary, and Donovan Lewis-Director.

Pictured above with Business Manager **Valentino Ceria** and former Retiree Club President **Willy Kanno** are the new Retiree Club officers, with Club President **Jonathan Lee** at the helm. The Retiree Club held its quarterly meeting on May 10 at a new venue, the Mililani Golf Club Restaurant. Special invited guests who addressed the retirees were officers and staff of Local 675. Business Manager **Valentino Ceria** reported on various activities and updates of the Union, President **Matthew Brady** gave a report on Hilo, Sentry **Samuel Barrett, Jr.** reported on Kona and Honolulu, Vice President **Benjamin Panis** gave updates on Maui, and Recording Secretary **Lance Hayashi** reported on Kauai. Also presenting was Trust Fund Administrator **Erinn Liu** who gave updates on the Pension and Health and Welfare funds specifically for the retirees. She was present to address any Fund questions from the Club members.

Club President **Jonathan Lee** expressed his appreciation on behalf of the Retiree Club members to Business Manager **Valentino Ceria** and the Union

for their pro-active stance in foreseeing the Union's and industry's future needs. He also welcomed the **\$5,000** donation from the Union to the Club's working capital. President Lee also congratulated the Club members for another hefty annual canned goods collection for the Hawaii Foodbank collecting 250 pounds of food. Well done Retirees!

If you are a retiree of Local 675, please consider joining the Retiree Club to keep informed, keep active and enjoy the comradery of your retiree brothers and sisters.

NEW PENSIONERS

Congratulations and happy retirement to the following pensioners:

- Clyde Sakata 3/1/2022
- Todd Sugita 3/1/2022
- Rodger Reilly..... 4/1/2022

In Memoriam

Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families of deceased members:

- Aichi Irie..... 1/5/2022
- Edwin Shirakata..... 3/4/2022
- Reed Kamikawa..... 3/24/2022
- Myron Kim..... 5/1/2022
- William Asato..... 5/2/2022
- Elliot Fa'asoa..... 5/5/2022
- Peter Kubo..... 5/21/2022
- Alpidio B. Castillo 6/5/2022



Business Manager Valentino Ceria presents a donation on behalf of the Union to Retiree Club President Jonathan Lee.

Retiree Club Meeting



(l-r) Jaimme Hayakawa-Asst Trust Fund Administrator, Erinn Liu-Trust Fund Administrator, Jonathan Lee-Retiree Club President, (standing) Samuel Barrett, Jr.-Bus Agent, Matthew Brady-Bus Agent, Benjamin Panis-Bus Agent, and Jenny Lee-Union Ofc Manager.



Trust Fund Administrator Erinn Liu addresses the Retiree Club members with Asst Trust Fund Administrator Jaimme Hayakawa. Club President Jonathan Lee at right.



(l-r) Alan Arakaki, Chuck Shima, Glenn Hashimoto, Kenny Iboshi, and Elpidio Tivera.



(l-r) Marc Kodama, Thomas Pregana, and Natalie Castanares.



(l-r) Tracy Tanouye, Willy Kanno, Derek Hirao, Allan Johnston, John Kurashima, Robin Oshiro and Mel Suganuma. Business Manager Valentino Ceria standing.



(l-r) John Casson, Donovan Lewis, Vernon Rosa, Aaron Shiohira, Michael Anbe, and William Kaina. Ernie Theodore on the far right.

Members on the Job



(l-r) Stephen Brissette, Duke Mier, Charles Hokoana, Sam Sales. **Hi-Tech Plumbing.** Kaiaulu O Halelea on Kihei, Maui.



(Front) Shane Baker, Keith Kotani. (Back) Todd Shelton, Ethan Leones, Shannon Pagente, Brad Kuanoni. **Continental Mechanical.** Wai Kai Waterfront Recreational Facility at Hoakalei, Ewa Beach.



(l-r) Scott Galdeira, Gavin Uyeda, Chad Yamashita, Gabe Fujimoto, Richard Lanet, Byron Andrade. **Gordon Mechanical.** Miyashiro Restaurant at Wai Kai Waterfront Recreational Facility at Hoakalei, Ewa Beach.



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News from Local 675 Retiree Club

Local 675 Retiree Club Meeting was held at the Mililani Golf Clubhouse on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 with special guests attending (see article). Brothers **Chuck Shima** and **Thomas Pregana** were recognized as the newest retirees to join the Club. Club President **Jonathan Lee** thanked the members who contributed to the Food Drive which netted 250 lbs. The next Retiree Club Meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 9**, at 9:00 a.m. at the Mililani Golf Clubhouse.

Local 675 retirees who retain Local 675 membership are welcome to join the Local 675 Retiree Club. Annual club dues of \$20 include all breakfasts for that calendar year. For more information, call **Jonathan Lee** at (808) 892-0099.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY

Saturday, July 9, 2022
**APPRENTICESHIP
GRADUATION**
Hilton Hawaiian Village

SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 4, 2022
LABOR UNITY PICNIC
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Waikiki Shell

Tuesday, September 6, 2022
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Washington Middle School Cafetorium

Wednesday, September 7, 2022
KAUAI RAP SESSION
Kauai Community College

Thursday, September 8, 2022
MAUI RAP SESSION
Maui Community College

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