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Celebrating the 58th Annual Apprenticeship Graduation



Joining the new graduates are: (standing far left) Asst Trng Coordinator Westin Alcover, (seated) Head Trng Coordinator Dean Kobashigawa, Sentry/BA Sam Barrett, Jr., VP/BA Ben Panis, President/BA Matt Brady, Business Manager/FST Val Ceria, Mgt Trustee Kent Matsuzaki, Mgt Trustee Mark Suzuki, Mgt Trustee Curt Balaney, PAMCA Exe Dir Gregg Serikaku, JATC Troy Sakamoto, (standing far right) Asst Trng Coord Ronden Numasaki.

Congratulations to the 50 Apprentice Graduates who celebrated with family and friends at the 58th Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony and Dinner held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort and Spa. The special event was sponsored by the Honolulu Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee for the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry.

The Master of Ceremonies was Head Training Coordinator, **Dean Kobashigawa**, who proudly conducted the program for the Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 apprentice graduates. Addressing the group were special speakers, President

Matthew Brady who also gave the invocation, Business Manager/FST and Chairman of the PAMCAH-UA Local 675 Training Fund, **Valentino Ceria**, and **Samuel Fujikawa**, President of PAMCA.

Each graduate was called upon to receive their Certificate of Completion by Training Coordinator **Dean Kobashigawa**, and greeted by the Union's Business Manager **Valentino Ceria** and Management Trustee **Gregg Serikaku**. Special Presentation from the Union with a \$100 gift to each graduate was presented by President **Matthew Brady** and Vice President **Benjamin Panis**. Assistant Training Coordinators

Ronden Numasaki and **Westin Alcover** awarded the Contest Winners from each trade with monetary awards and Igloo ice chests.

Business Manager **Valentino Ceria** exclaimed, "We accept you as full-fledged journeymen. With this acceptance, you will be recognized not only locally but throughout the United States and Canada." With this acceptance, celebrations and congratulations were in order as the evening ended.

(The graduates and contest winners, listed on Page 3.)

Business Manager's Message | Valentino B. Ceria



(l-r): Kent Prosser – BM Local 166, Trevor Robertson – BM Local 496, Jeffrey White – BM Local 168, Val Ceria – BM Local 675, Chris Haslinger – Administrative Assistant to the General President & Pip Fabrication Committee Chairman, Randall Carroll – BM Gulf Cost Multi-State, Che' Timmons – BM Local 342. Attending the PFI/UA Labor Relations Committee Meetings at the Turtle Bay Resort.

Aloha Members!

We welcome aboard Brother **Sheung Man Wong** as my new Business Agent/Organizer in the Union Office who started April 1st of this year. He will be the Business Agent handling the island of Kauai. All the Business Agents take care of Oahu and each Business Agent handles their respective island. Brother **Matthew Brady** for Hilo, Brother **Samuel Barrett, Jr.** for Kona, and Brother **Benjamin Panis** for the island of Maui.

I signed agreements with **AG Repair, LLC**, **Clyde T. Hirata, LLC**, and **Elite Mechanical, Inc.**, as new signatory contractors. **Elite Mechanical** was sold and the new owner re-signed with Local 675.

I would like to report that UA General Secretary-Treasurer **Patrick Kellett** retired and resigned his position on March 31, 2024. Effective April 1, 2024, General President **McManus** appointed Administrative Assistant to the General President, **Derrick Kualapai**, to serve as General Secretary-Treasurer for the remainder of the term. As you know, Brother **Kualapai** was our former International Representative for California and Hawaii before he became the Administrative Assistant to General President **McManus**. We wish him much success in his new role.

In April, I attended the Pipe Fabrication Institute (PFI)/UA Labor Relations Committee Meetings at the Turtle Bay Resort. The meetings focused on how prefabrication and modularization are impacting the construction industry. According to the Prefabrication Market Assessment Studies, prefabrication spending has increased by billions of dollars over the years. The UA and signatory contractor partners have historically been the construction industry leaders in prefabrication, so the UA strongly believes we can increase our market share in not only prefabrication but on-site work as well. These meetings are important and ongoing so we can better achieve these goals.

Last month I attended, along with President **Matthew Brady**, the NABTU (North America's Building Trades Unions) legislative conference in Washington D.C. Also attending was **Emmanuel Zibakalam**, my new Government Relations and Legislative Liaison for the Union. He was the campaign manager for Lt. Governor **Sylvia Luke**, whom we supported. The conference's special speaker on the last day was the Honorable **Joe Biden**, President of the United States, who supports the efforts of the Building Trades and the unionized construction industry. That being said, we support President **Biden** one hundred percent for his re-election. Locally, **Emmanuel** set up a meeting at my office with Mayor **Rick Blangiardi** to meet face-to-face before his upcoming campaign. I expressed concern about the construction industry and matters affecting our Union. We plan to endorse him in his re-election. In this issue we listed the endorsement of candidates the Union supports. I urge you to go out and vote or submit your mail-in ballot supporting our endorsed candidates.

We attended the Retiree Club Meeting in May, and I gave my report on the Union's current events. The Business Agents also gave their reports on their respective islands. We had Trust Fund Administrator **Erinn Liu** and Assistant Administrator **Jaimme Hayakawa** talk about the status of the pension benefits. It was a good question-and-answer event that addressed any concerns of the retirees who attended this breakfast meeting. I presented a \$5,000 check to Retiree Club President **Jonathan Lee** on behalf of the Union. The donation was received with much appreciation. He also mentioned that the Club's food drive was once again, a huge success and anyone interested in getting involved should give him a call.

Recently, we held our annual Apprenticeship Graduation Ceremony at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. We acknowledge and congratulate our new graduates and wish them much success as Union journeymen.

As always, stay informed, stay healthy, and be safe!



Business Manager/Financial Secretary-Treasurer Valentino Ceria with Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi.

Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Apprentice Graduates

FALL 2023

Plumber Apprentices

Island of Oahu

Izac Bastatas
 Reese Bell
 Pau Moenoa
 Shaun Onuma
 Hansen Paracuelles

Island of Hawaii

Aaron Correa

Island of Kauai

Tyren Valencia

Island of Maui

Jowi Miguel

Refrigeration Air Conditioning Apprentices

Island of Oahu

Austin Abe	Ethan Kawada
Timmy Bantolina	Joshua Olayon
Jayson Bautista	Colin Ormita
Mark Anthony Cagaoan	Glenn Rivera
Jared Gawiran	

Island of Hawaii

Keoni Leopoldino

SPRING 2024

Plumber Apprentices

Island of Oahu

Michael-Jomar Acosta
 Mamerto Aglanao Jr.
 Ronnie Akau
 Cris Anthony Alvaro
 Jestin Barayuga
 Vance Baron
 Brandon Butler-Kawamura
 Levi Castanares

Alexi Chistekoff
 Chance Diaz
 Gary Hoapili III
 Rhys Iwamoto
 Collin Klein
 Kayden Tabanera
 Elijah Wakinekona
 Mareko Wolcott

Island of Hawaii

Robert Lum III
 Vladimir Osintsev

Island of Kauai

Aaron Pukini

Refrigeration Air Conditioning Apprentices

Island of Oahu

Brandon Kaneko	Tristan Respicio-Sabanal
Keanu Oliva	Jaelan Subia-Etrata
Larson Oliva	Justin Takano
Jerry Palasigue	Cary Toyama
Michael Poepoe	Michael Vasconcellos

Island of Maui

Dylan Bartolome

Fire Sprinkler Apprentice

Island of Oahu

Allen Pagampao-Ucker

Steamfitter Welder Apprentice

Island of Oahu

Alberto Nunez

Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 Contest Winners

Plumbing Apprentices



(l-r) 1st Place - **Chance Diaz**, 3rd Place - **Jestin Barayuga**, 2nd Place - **Izac Bastatas**.

Refrigeration Air Conditioning Apprentices



(l-r) 1st Place - **Keanu Oliva**, 2nd Place - **Mark Anthony Cagaoan**, 3rd Place - **Larson Oliva** (not present).

Fire Sprinkler Apprentice



(l-r) Asst Training Coordinator Westin Alcover, 1st Place - **Allen Pagampao-Ucker**, and Asst Training Coordinator Ronden Numasaki.

Steamfitter Welder Apprentice



(l-r) Asst Training Coordinator Westin Alcover, 1st Place - **Alberto Nunez**, and Asst Training Coordinator Ronden Numasaki.

Plumbers & Fitters Local 675 Endorsements Primary Election: August 10, 2024

Members of the Hawaii State House of Representatives

SUE LEE LOY	DISTRICT 2
CHRIS TODD	DISTRICT 3
KIRSTIN KAHALOA	DISTRICT 6
JUSTIN H. WOODSON	DISTRICT 9
KYLE T. YAMASHITA	DISTRICT 12
NADINE K. NAKAMURA	DISTRICT 15
LUKE A. EVSLIN	DISTRICT 16
MARK HASHEM	DISTRICT 19
KEVAN WONG	DISTRICT 20
JACKSON D. SAYAMA	DISTRICT 21
ANDREW GARRETT	DISTRICT 22
IKAIKA OLDS	DISTRICT 23
ADRIAN K. TAM	DISTRICT 24
SCOTT SAIKI	DISTRICT 25
JENNA TAKENOUCI	DISTRICT 27
DANIEL HOLT	DISTRICT 28
MAY M. MIZUNO	DISTRICT 29
LINDA ICHIYAMA	DISTRICT 32
GREGG TAKAYAMA	DISTRICT 34
RACHELE F. LAMOSAO	DISTRICT 36
TRISH LA CHICA	DISTRICT 37
SEAN QUINLAN	DISTRICT 47
LISA KITAGAWA	DISTRICT 48
SCOT Z. MATAYOSHI	DISTRICT 49
MIKE LEE	DISTRICT 50

Members of the Hawaii State Senate

LORRAINE R. INOUE	DISTRICT 1
JOY SAN BUENAVENTURA	DISTRICT 2
DRU MAMO KANUHA	DISTRICT 3
TROY N. HASHIMOTO	DISTRICT 5
LYNN DECOITE	DISTRICT 7
RONALD D. KOUCHI	DISTRICT 8
SHARON MORIWAKI	DISTRICT 12
GLENN WAKAI	DISTRICT 15
BRANDON ELEFANTE	DISTRICT 16
DONOVAN DELA CRUZ	DISTRICT 17
MICHELLE KIDANI	DISTRICT 18
HENRY J.C. AQUINO	DISTRICT 19
MIKE GABBARD	DISTRICT 21
CEDRIC ASUEGA GATES	DISTRICT 22
JARRETT KEOHOKALOLE	DISTRICT 24



Mayor, City and County of Honolulu

RICK BLANGIARDI

Members of the City & County of Honolulu City Council

ESTHER KIA'AINA

DISTRICT 3

SCOTT NISHIMOTO

DISTRICT 5

RADIANT CORDERO

DISTRICT 7

Members of the Maui County Council

YUKI LEI SUGIMURA, Upcountry

NOHELANI U'U-HODGINS, Makawao-Ha'iku-Pa'ia

ALICE LEE, Wailuku-Waihe'e-Waikapu

TASHA KAMA, Kahului

TOM COOK, South Maui

JOHN PELE, Molokai

Mayor, County of Hawaii

MITCH ROTH

Hawaii County Council

DENNIS "FRESH" ONISHI DISTRICT 3

ASHLEY LEHUALANI KIERKIEWICZ DISTRICT 4

IKAIKA RODENHURST DISTRICT 5

MICHELLE M. GALIMBA DISTRICT 6

CINDY EVANS DISTRICT 9

Kauai County Council – At Large Vacancies

ROSS KAGAWA

ARRYL KANESHIRO

KIPUKAI KUALI'I

MEL RAPOZO

BERNARD CARVALHO

FELICIA COWDEN

ADDISON BULOSAN

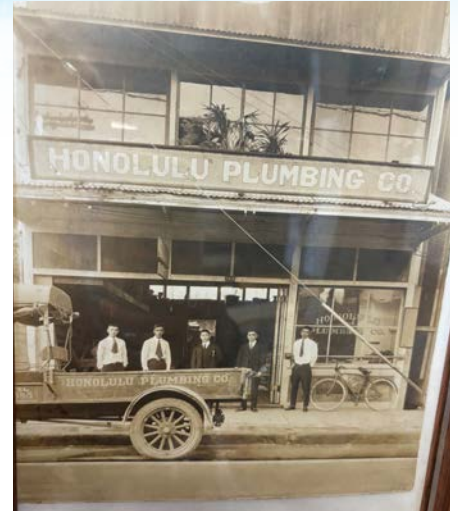
Honolulu Plumbing

Honolulu Plumbing Co. will finalize its last projects before closing its doors, after over 100 years of service in Hawaii. **Glenn Tango**, Owner and Manager, shared that the company has been in his family since its origination - founded by **Glenn's** grandfather in 1919. Coincidentally, 1919 was also the year the Plumbers and Fitters Local 675 received its charter from the United Association of the United States and Canada. According to **Glenn**, one of the company's greatest accomplishments was its ability to grow and evolve alongside history. The company shares a historical timeline with the Local 675 Union and Hawaii's growing economy throughout the generations.

Honolulu Plumbing officially became a signatory company with the Union in the 1950's when it was under the leadership of **Glenn's** father and union member, **Richard Tango**. He states, "This was one of the best things to happen to us." The timing was great as this was also when Hawaii gained statehood. This created a boom in construction throughout the island. Honolulu Plumbing took on many federal projects and schools at this time, including the State Office Building. **Glenn** said, "Throughout the years the projects we took on followed the wave of growth in the community." He started working part-time at the company in high school and later took over as Business Owner in 2000. With 44 years of service as a union member, he oversaw 15 employees. Over the years, Honolulu Plumbing worked on many new condominiums, state and government buildings including the State Judiciary Building and the Hawaii State Veteran's Hospital. **Glenn** plans to enjoy retirement by traveling with his wife. We thank our Brother **Glenn Tango** for his dedicated service as a member and contractor and wish him and his family all the best!



Owner and Manager of Honolulu Plumbing Co. Glenn Tango standing in his shop.



The shop was originally located near Aala Park, which was home to many Japanese businesses at the time. Later in the 1960's, the shop was moved to its current location in Kalihi.

Local 675 FCU 37th Annual Meeting

The Plumbers & Fitters Local 675 Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting was held virtually on May 31, 2024 and streamed from the Local 675 branch at the Union Office. FCU Board of Director and Secretary/Treasurer **Jenny Lee** and Board Director **Amy Lee-Ortega** were nominated and re-elected for another term. **Sheung Man Wong** was newly elected to the Credit Committee. **Tracy Tanouye** was re-appointed to the Supervisory Committee by the Board of Directors. Terms are for three years.

NEW PENSIONERS

Congratulations and happy retirement to the following pensioners:

Wade Higaki	3/1/24
Jin Hyuk Pak	3/1/24
Kyle Hara	4/1/24
Craig Ka'awaloa	4/1/24
Melvin Kakazu	4/1/24
Steve Ku	4/1/24
Harold Nakagawa	4/1/24
Troy Kobashigawa	5/1/24
Kenneth Sakuoka	5/1/24
Samuel Sales	5/1/24

In Memoriam

Heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the families of deceased members:

Randall Ushiroda	1/11/24
James Castro	1/26/24
Mitsutoshi Yamashita	3/27/24
Raynold Correia	5/2/24
Kenneth Arasato	5/3/24
Richard Nakama	5/13/24
Wayne Ono	5/29/24
Richard Kaneshiro	6/1/24
Arthur Fong	6/5/24

Members On the Job



BYU Dorms 11, 12, & 13. HiTech Plumbing.
(l-r) Glenn Titsworth-Machado, John Alvaro, Ransen Kuratsu-Garcia, Tristen Townes, Brad Kuanoni, Charles Hokoana, Brent Uyeunten, Jason Towne, Duke Mier, Reid Ogata. GC: Okland.



Halawa View Apartments. Commercial Plumbing.
(l-r) Sosia Havea, Shaun Lee Saito, Clarence Bareng. GC: Nordic PCL.



The Park Ward Village. Commercial Plumbing.
(l-r) Matt Soueria, Lon Okino, Sean Abad. GC: Albert C Kobayashi.



Honouliuli WWTP. Hawaiian Dredging.
(l-r) Jensen Mata, Zian Farias, Rowel Yasay. GC: Hawaiian Dredging.



BYU Temple Valley Apartment Buildings. Commercial Plumbing.
(l-r) Ryan Oniate, Rhythm Hurlbut, Roy Dunlap, Gilbert Dasalla, Bryson Freitas, Regie Agpalza. GC: Jacobsen.



Honouliuli WWTP. RM Nakamura.
(l-r) Dustin Watanabe, Brennon Abad, Ethan Reyes, Peter Peneku, Freelance Esteban, Terrance Kua, Ben Miura, Todd Yee. GC: Hawaiian Dredging.

Members On the Job



Hoopili. TNH Plumbing.
(l-r) Scott Nihei Lopes, Dedric Kea, Alani Uyeno, Japhet Singnoth, Grant Hamada, Jonah Hamada, Mikal Yonehara, Jestin Barayuga, Kaiana Pate, Ryan Takahashi. GC: DR Horton.



Koa Ridge. TNH Plumbing.
(l-r) Chris Keola, Chavez Canite, Lane Tsujiguchi, Keaka Fernandez, Daryl Keawe-Aiko, Ryan Takahashi. GC: Castle & Cook.



Ka Haku. Dorvin D. Leis.
(l-r) Keola Nakamura, Sam Owens, Preston Nakata. GC: Nordic PCL.



Grand Hyatt Kauai AHU Changeout. Kauai Mechanical.
(l-r) Taylor Ryan, Brandson Hirokane, Keoni Gaoiran, Collins Medeiros, Alan Kahanu.



Kauanoe O Koloa. Gordon Mechanical.
(l-r) Zayden Sarmiento, Aaron Pukini. GC: Meridian Pacific.



Kauai KR2. Dorvin D Leis.
(l-r) Noah Morales, Micah Morales, Dennis Morales, Johnathan Morales, Trevor Tardiarca. GC: Unlimited.



Queens Medical Emergency Room Renovation. Dorvin D Leis.
(l-r) Front Row: Harold Ibea, Jason Kim, Jarret Magno. Back Row: Makana Angay, Jason Masada, Justin Kaanaana. GC: Hawaiian Dredging.



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News from Local 675 Retiree Club

The next Retiree Club Meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 13th** at **8:30 a.m.** (breakfast) at the **Mililani Golf Clubhouse**. Meeting starts at **9:00 a.m.**

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	SEPTEMBER	Wednesday, September 4, 2024 KAUAI RAP SESSION Kauai Community College, Rm OCET 103	OCTOBER	Tuesday, October 1, 2024 KONA RAP SESSION Hawaii Community College - Palamanui Rm 106
		Thursday, September 5, 2024 MAUI RAP SESSION Maui Community College- Laulima Rm 103		Wednesday, October 2, 2024 HILO RAP SESSION Waiakea Intermediate School - Rm A3
		Monday, September 9, 2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Washington Middle School - Cafeteria		October 7, 2024 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ NOMINATIONS MEETING Washington Middle School - Cafeteria

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