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Perfect Attendance
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**DC50 Primary Election
Endorsements**
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Total Commitment!

(L-R): Ryden "Bully" Valmoja, BMST; Shane Awai, Maui Organizer/Instructor; Breanne Geronimo, Interim Training Director; Kekoa Reiny-Aloy, Perfect Attendance Awardee; and Robin Schlitzkus, Director of Organizing.



State of the Council

"I strongly encourage each and every one of you to participate in the democratic process and exercise your right to vote! Mahalo!"

By Ryden Valmoja
DC50 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Aloha All!

As we all gear up for the beautiful days summer, please remember to stay vigilant. According to the Hawaii State Department of Health, as of June 8, 2022, there have been 290,652 COVID-19 cases and 1,465 deaths statewide – a count that does not include positive at-home tests. Although a lot of the restrictions have been dropped, please be thoughtful of others by wearing a mask in crowds, staying home when you're feeling sick, and washing your hands often. Keep safe and enjoy your summer!

Bylaws Vote

I am pleased to announce that the District Council 50, Painters Local 1791, Floor Layers Local 1926, Glaziers Local 1889, and the Drywall Taper Local 1944 bylaws have been ratified by the membership and they have been transmitted to the IUPAT for approval. Thank you to everyone who participated and came out to vote!

Hawaii State AFL-CIO Labor of Love

Annually, DC50 joins together with the Hawaii State AFL-CIO and its many volunteers from public and private sector unions, businesses and community partners in the "Labor of Love" to enhance a public school campus. This year's recipient was Iao Intermediate School on the island of Maui.

Proudly representing DC50 was new organizer and training instructor, Shane Awai. Together with the painter apprentices, Shane was charged with the responsibility of manning the paint station and supporting volunteers throughout the campus. He and the apprentices not only distributed paint, but they also pitched in to paint stairways, handrails and curbs. At the end of the project, they took it one step further by helping to clean and secure all the supplies and materials. Shane and the apprentices were awesome and made the union proud! Mahalo to Shane and all our union brothers and sisters for a job well done!

IUPAT Community Day of Action

Although many members continued to work throughout the pandemic, most volunteer events were placed on hold. After about a year and half pause, we are now carefully beginning to give back to our communities once again. On Saturday, April 30, 2022, painting and taping apprentices, instructors, and volunteers worked to paint out the graffiti that littered the See Yup Society Building in Honolulu's Chinatown. Unfortunately, due to the inclement weather, the volunteers were unable to paint out the graffiti on the United Society Building. Volunteers plan to perform the work in July. Thank you to everyone who helped to make



this project a success!

2022 Primary Election

This year, ballots are scheduled to arrive at voters' mailboxes on or about July 22, 2022. Primary Election Day is Saturday, August 13, 2022. The DC50 political action committee (PAC) met and diligently vetted many prospective candidates seeking an endorsement. I want to underscore that

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On the Cover: Perfect Attendance

DC50 Congratulates All Apprentice Graduates

District Council 50 extends it aloha and congratulations to all 2022 spring apprenticeship graduates. These members overcame the hardships caused by the COVID lockdown and completed their course work and hands-on training – a task that takes about 640 class hours to complete. Special congratulations to the first class of Maui painters who graduated this past Spring! The future is bright, and we look forward to congratulating many more accomplished and highly trained union workers!

Special Recognition: Kekoa Reiny-Aloy

Originally from Maui, Kekoa Reiny-Aloy completed two semesters of credits using workbooks and the online Learning Management Service (LMS). When Kekoa moved to Oahu, however, he was told he had to start the apprenticeship program from scratch. Understandably, he was disappointed and upset. Faced with such adversity, Kekoa took it upon himself to set some high personal goals – like finishing the painting



Maui Painting Apprentice Graduates
Standing (L-R): Kahiau Kaina, Juan Ibe, Brian Baybado, Jeremy Valaraso, and Eli Gomez. Front row (L-R): Brandon Barroga, Kekoa Reiny-Aloy, and Marwyn Ligot.
Not Pictured: Brandon Eligio and Noah Apolo



Oahu Apprentices Spring Graduates
Standing (L-R): Jared A. Ibana (Taper); Roen Mabini (Taper); Christopher Carvalho (Painter); Brandon Taoy (Painter); Jarren Mendoza (Painter); Karlos Sales (Painter); and Jayson Gonsalves (Taper). Front row (L-R): Elias Susa-Valasco (Floor Layer); and Rodante Acorda, Jr (Floor Layer).

apprenticeship program without missing a single day of classes so that there would be no question of his attendance.

Entering his final semester, Kekoa transferred back to Maui to be close to family and was able to participate in in-person apprenticeship classes thanks to Maui instructors Shane Awai and Dustin Costa. In recognition of Kekoa's drive to complete his schooling and his dedication to attend classes when others might have given up, District Council 50 salutes painting apprentice Kekoa Reiny-Aloy for graduating from the Painter's Apprenticeship Program with perfect attendance. 🙌

State of the Council

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the PAC will NOT hand out endorsements freely. We understand the importance and power of those who hold elected office and we make every effort to ensure that they support and protect our members, stand up for continued job creation, funding and, most importantly, member safety. On pages 4-5 in this issue of The Finisher is a list of endorsed candidates for your review and consideration. Please – I strongly encourage each and every one of you to participate in the democratic process and exercise your right to vote! Mahalo!

Ryden Delgado

Spring 2022 Glazier Apprentices Graduation

On May 3, District Council 50 Glaziers congratulated four apprentices that completed the Apprenticeship Program at Honolulu Community College. The four apprentices were part of a group of 20 when they started the Glazier's Apprenticeship Program. These four completed the required eight semesters of instruction even though half of their schooling was affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. This apprenticeship class had to be fully vaccinated and produce proof of vaccinations to attend school. The next step for these glaziers is to become journeymen and certified glaziers. 🙌



(L-R): Business Representative Dwayne Arelliano, Kimo Rhoden, Jerson Alop, Lucas Char, Kevin Kawewehi and Training Coordinator Orlando Gante.



2022 IUPAT, DISTRICT COUNCIL 50 PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS

STATEWIDE

US SENATE
BRIAN SCHATZ

GOVERNOR
JOSH GREEN

US HOUSE
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 1 OPEN
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 JILL TOKUDA

LT. GOVERNOR
OPEN

HAWAII ISLAND

SENATE

DISTRICT 1 OPEN
DISTRICT 2 OPEN
DISTRICT 3 OPEN
DISTRICT 4 OPEN

HOUSE

DISTRICT 1 OPEN
DISTRICT 2 OPEN
DISTRICT 3 OPEN
DISTRICT 4 OPEN
DISTRICT 5 OPEN
DISTRICT 6 OPEN
DISTRICT 7 OPEN
DISTRICT 8 OPEN

COUNTY COUNCIL

DISTRICT 1 OPEN
DISTRICT 2 OPEN
DISTRICT 3 OPEN
DISTRICT 4 OPEN
DISTRICT 5 OPEN
DISTRICT 6 OPEN
DISTRICT 7 OPEN
DISTRICT 8 OPEN
DISTRICT 9 OPEN

MAUI

SENATE

DISTRICT 5 GIL KEITH-AGARAN
DISTRICT 6 OPEN
DISTRICT 7 LYNN DECOITE

HOUSE

DISTRICT 9 OPEN
DISTRICT 10 OPEN
DISTRICT 11 RANDAL MAHIAI, JR.
DISTRICT 12 OPEN
DISTRICT 13 LINDA HA'I CLARK
DISTRICT 14 OPEN

COUNTY COUNCIL

WEST MAUI OPEN
WAILUKU/
WAIHEE/
WAIKAPU ALICE LEE
KAHULUI BUDDY JAMES NOBRIGA
SOUTH MAUI TOM COOK
MAKAWAO/
HAIKU/
PAIA NOHE U'U-HODGINS
UPCOUNTRY YUKI LEI SUGIMURA
LANAI RIKI HOKAMA
MOLOKAI JOHN PELE

MAYOR

MICHAEL VICTORINO

OAHU

SENATE

DISTRICT 9 OPEN
DISTRICT 10 OPEN
DISTRICT 11 IAN ROSS
DISTRICT 12 OPEN
DISTRICT 13 KARL RHOADS
DISTRICT 14 DONNA MERCADO KIM
DISTRICT 15 OPEN
DISTRICT 16 BRANDON ELEFANTE
DISTRICT 17 DONOVAN DELA CRUZ
DISTRICT 18 MICHELLE KIDANI
DISTRICT 19 HENRY AQUINO
DISTRICT 20 KURT FEVELLA (R)
DISTRICT 21 OPEN
DISTRICT 22 OPEN
DISTRICT 23 OPEN
DISTRICT 24 JARETT KEOHOKALOLE
DISTRICT 25 CHRIS LEE

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

DISTRICT II OPEN
DISTRICT IV TOMMY WATERS
DISTRICT VI TYLER DOS SANTOS-TAM
DISTRICT VIII RON MENOR

*OPEN – Indicates that NO candidate had requested an interview/endorsement OR candidate(s) who were interviewed DID NOT support and align with the initiatives of the district council unions.

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IUPAT, DISTRICT COUNCIL 50 PRIMARY ENDORSEMENTS

OAHU

HOUSE

DISTRICT 18	OPEN
DISTRICT 19	OPEN
DISTRICT 20	OPEN
DISTRICT 21	OPEN
DISTRICT 22	OPEN
DISTRICT 23	SCOTT NISHIMOTO
DISTRICT 24	IKAIKA OLDS
DISTRICT 25	KIM COCO IWAMOTO
DISTRICT 26	VALERIE WANG
DISTRICT 27	OPEN
DISTRICT 28	DANIEL HOLT
DISTRICT 29	OPEN
DISTRICT 30	OPEN
DISTRICT 31	OPEN
DISTRICT 32	OPEN
DISTRICT 33	OPEN
DISTRICT 34	OPEN
DISTRICT 35	CORY CHUN
DISTRICT 36	RACHELE LAMOSAO
DISTRICT 37	RYAN YAMANE
DISTRICT 38	OPEN
DISTRICT 39	OPEN
DISTRICT 40	JULIE REYES ODA
DISTRICT 41	DAVID ALCOS (R)
DISTRICT 42	SHARON HAR
DISTRICT 43	OPEN
DISTRICT 44	OPEN
DISTRICT 45	OPEN
DISTRICT 46	OPEN
DISTRICT 47	OPEN
DISTRICT 48	OPEN
DISTRICT 49	OPEN
DISTRICT 50	MICHAEL LEE
DISTRICT 51	OPEN

KAUAI

SENATE

DISTRICT 8	RONALD KOUCHI
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COUNTY COUNCIL

OPEN

HOUSE

DISTRICT 15	OPEN
DISTRICT 16	JAMES KUNANE TOKIOKA
DISTRICT 17	OPEN

MAYOR

DEREK KAWAKAMI

The Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home Takes Shape

The new State of Hawaii veterans home is currently under construction in Kapolei, Oahu. When it is completed, the facility will be named the Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home. A veteran himself, Senator Akaka served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during World War II. While in Congress, the late Senator Akaka chaired the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee and stood as a strong advocate for Hawaii veterans.

Currently, the only state veterans home is on the Big Island, although 70 percent of the 118,000 veterans in Hawaii live on Oahu. The new buildings are being built on a seven-acre parcel of land that is being leased by the State for this project. The new facility will be comprised of three 2-story buildings.

Two will house 120 beds and the third building will house a skilled nursing unit to treat and assist the veterans along with a community center for them to interact and hold group activities.

The cost of this project is about \$100 million, paid for by the State of Hawaii Department of Defense. The federal Department of Veterans Affairs issued a grant for \$44.7 million towards the cost.

The Daniel K. Akaka State Veterans Home will definitely create work for local construction workers. The general contractor for this project is Nan, Inc. For District Council 50 members, Tapers (Nan, Inc.), Painters (Akira Yamamoto Painting, Inc.), and Floor layers (Close Construction, Inc.) will benefit from the work that is generated by this project. 🧑‍🔧



Request For Proposal Regarding Director Of Training Position

The Board of Trustees of the District Council 50 Joint Apprenticeship and Training Fund is seeking qualified applicants for the Director of Training position. For job description, requirements and more information, please call 808-941-0991. Interested individuals must submit a resume to Group Plan Administrators, Inc., by Monday, August 15, 2022. 🧑‍🔧

A Conversation with Brad Granger

The glazing world in Hawaii is saddened to learn that third-generation owner Brad Granger has decided to close Division 8. We asked Brad to talk about his life as a glazier.



I was born and raised in Honolulu, graduated from Kamehameha High School and then from Washington State University.

My grandfather had a glass business in Los Angeles where my father, Sandy Granger, first worked. After moving to Hawaii, my father started his own glass business in 1958 called Granger Pacific, Inc. When I was 12, he started taking me to work with him on the weekends and during the summers. I started out stacking jalousies, sorting screws, and cleaning the warehouse. I got a work permit

at 16 and was assigned to work in the shop with George Arelliano. I started cutting glass and fabricating storefront railings, and screens.

My father decided to retire in 1996, so we shut down Granger Pacific, which I believe at one point in time was the largest glass company in Hawaii. It was easier to start a new company than to try and change Granger Pacific to what I had in mind. I purchased some equipment and vehicles from GP and started Division 8, Inc. in 1996.

My plan for Division 8 was to stay small and service a small group of general contractors who did quality work. For the most part we stayed that course for 26 years and did okay. After 20 years we unionized to have access to more manpower when needed. It was also a better situation for our men to be in when we did ultimately shut down.

Why now? I have put a lifetime of work into this industry and the thought of retiring was becoming a daily occurrence. It's better to do it on your own terms rather than to have it forced upon you.

Plans for the future? Lots of options but no immediate plans.

My advice to Glaziers? Take pride in your workmanship!

Take care Brother! On behalf of the Glaziers Union, we would like to thank you and your family for the contributions you have made to glazing in Hawaii and for all the work that you provided for our members throughout the years! Enjoy your retirement! You will be missed! 🙏

Welcome Shane Awai



Welcome Shane Awai, the newest member of the DC50 team. Shane has been with the Union a total of 27 years. Raised on Molokai, Shane relocated to Maui where he started his apprentice program and worked to become a foreman. Working as a union painter gave him the opportunity to buy his home and raise his family. Shane enjoys spending time with his family, especially his two grandchildren, Pahuwai and Nanielua.

He also enjoys giving back to the community and volunteering his time to support youth sports. 🙏

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Floor Layers Report

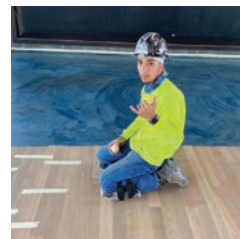
Aloha, everyone! We are halfway through the year, and we are proud to say that we continue to have steady work throughout the year. On Oahu, we have been very fortunate to work on such major projects as Hoopili, Koa Ridge, Disney Aulani Resort, Koula, Lilia, Cottages at Mauna Olu, Hawaii Regional Housing, and Palms



on Fort Shafer. On the neighbor islands, there are projects like the Grand Wailea, Pua Loke, Kaumakani Village, Maui Beach Villas, Kaiaulu o Waikoloa, Kaiaulu o Kupuohi, Outrigger Kona Resort, Kihei High School, and Kona Village.

On another note, we wish to congratulate two new companies that have recently joined the union – Pavimento Hawaii and Tom Rilliet, LLC.

Finally, we are pleased to announce that we have implemented a new program designed to inform high school



students about becoming a Floor Layer. We present the benefits and requirements, as well as showcase some hands-on demonstrations.

The first campus that we visited was Campbell High School, which has a Construction Advisory Committee, which enabled us to speak to students. The students remained engaged and interested throughout the exhibition. All of the students – boys and girls – were willing to try their hand at operating a floor grinding machine. All in all, it was a wonderful experience! We are planning to continue this endeavor with other high schools in the near future. 🙏

Kauai Tapers at the I Hanalei Bay

Originally named the Sheraton Princeville Resort when it was built in 1986, this iconic Kauai property has since changed ownership a few times, faced the devastation of Hurricane Iniki, and underwent several renovations along the way. Now owned by Starwood Capital, it is the flagship property known as I Hotel Hanalei. Closed temporarily in May 2020, it is now going through



a major multi-million-dollar renovation. The entire hotel was gutted out leaving just the main concrete structure.

It has been a great project for District Council 50's four finishing trades. Since the last quarter of 2020, it has been home to 99 percent of the Kauai members of the Tapers Union working for Creative Partition System (CPS). CPS had all of their tapers working and even brought tapers in from Maui and Oahu.

Everything was going great until the rainy season came and caused its share of problems. Much of the work that was done had to be redone due to the heavy rain. The tapers had to split their crew and drop back to do repair work on the drywall. This

caused a slowdown on the production on the front line, while on the back side they were trying to keep up with the work so the other trades could do their portion of the work.

For the tapers on the project, this situation created more work, but it also caused frustration as they had to refinish the drywall that was already completed. The tapers had to work long



hours and had to work six-seven days a week. Some tapers from Maui even decided to relocate from Maui to Kauai.

Even with all the negative impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, construction continued at a steady pace. The I Hanalei Hotel is now scheduled to be completed in September 2022. This project benefited many construction workers on Kauai, and, as soon as the hotel reopens to the general public, it will welcome many new hotel worker jobs. 🧑‍🔧

ClimbHI Career Fair

The District Council 50 Training Department participated in the ClimbHI Leadership Exploration Inspiration (LEI) Career Fair held at the Hawaii Convention Center on April 5, 2022. The LEI Career Fair welcomed 500 high school and college

Fall Protection Competent Person

In mid-March 2022, drywall tapers instructor Alex Magnuson traveled to the International Finishing Trades Institute (iFTI) training center in Hanover, Maryland, to be certified in Fall Protection Competent Person. Alex had a very hectic week completing his certification – especially taking into account the six-hour time difference between Honolulu and Hanover.

DC50 Apprenticeship and Training's goal is to provide the best quality training for our members and to make sure that everyone goes home to their families at the end of the day the same way they arrived to work in the morning. Instructor Alex is ready to start training our members with the aim of reducing and eliminating accidents on construction job sites. 🧑‍🔧



students from over 20 schools across Oahu. Students and industry members participated in five-minute discussions and presentations. The students were able to interact with industry members and gain an overview of the different careers and post-secondary educational opportunities available to them. 🧑‍🔧



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District Council 50 Meetings

- Retirees Club meeting – have been CANCELED until further notice.
- Young Lions meeting – Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom
- Women's Committee meeting – Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

SPECIALTY WORKERS LOCAL UNION 1941

- Membership meetings – Second Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m., via Zoom

PAINTERS LOCAL UNION 1791

- Membership meetings – Third Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

DRYWALL TAPERS FINISHERS LOCAL UNION 1944

- Membership meetings – Second Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

GLAZIERS, ARCHITECTURAL METAL AND GLASSWORKERS LOCAL UNION 1889

- Membership meetings – Last Thursday of the month at 4:45 p.m., via Zoom

CARPET, LINOLEUM AND SOFT TILE LOCAL UNION 1926

- Membership meetings – Third Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY – FRIDAY:

7:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

SATURDAY:

7:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

District Council 50

Painters - LUI791	808-941-0991
Tapers - LUI944	808-946-6621
Glaziers - LUI889	808-946-3329
Floor Layers - LUI926	808-942-3988
Specialty Workers - LUI941	808-941-0991
Toll-Free Neighbor Island	888-811-4020

DC 50 Joint Apprenticeship Training
808-947-6606
808-941-0991, Option 2

Trust Funds	808-523-9411
Toll Free Neighbor Island	877-523-9411

IN MEMORIAM

HENRY CROWDER, JR., LU1889

WAYNE GALENG, SR. (FORMER LU1944 MEMBER)

HAROLD AKIO ISHINAGA (FORMER LU1944 MEMBER)

KEITH KAWELO, LU1926

JOSEPH SOLOMON WILSON (FORMER LU1944 MEMBER)