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HAWAII'S CHOICE TO FINISH THE JOB!

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"Here's wishing you all the best this holiday season!"

By Ryden Valmoja

DC50 Business Manager/Secretary-Treasurer

Aloha and Happy Holidays

As 2022 comes to a close, I want to thank you all for continuing to work hard and keeping safe. It's been a tough couple of years dealing with COVID-19, but I am grateful that we all pulled through together! Mahalo again for a job well done!

Election Season

On behalf of the DC50 Political Action Committee I want to extend my thanks to all of you who voted in this past election. I am happy to report that the vast majority of DC50-endorsed candidates won their races. These individuals have pledged to work hard in support of you, labor, the construction industry, and job creation – and, believe me, we will be holding each of them accountable to their word.

DC50 Annual Giveaway

I'm happy to report that the annual DC50 Holiday Giveaway was a success! This year, the council decided to give each member a duffel bag that will come in handy now that a lot of the travel destinations are open for business again. Mahalo to all of you who came out to the giveaway – it was great seeing all of you! If you weren't able to make it to the giveaways, please contact any business representative or stop by the hall to pick up your bag.

NABTU-TradesWomen Build Nations Conference

This past October, the North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) held its 12th annual TradesWomen Build Nations conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. This annual event was the largest gathering of tradeswomen in its history with over 3,000 attending from the U.S. and Canada. This year's conference highlighted shared experiences from best practices on the job to women in leadership positions.

DC50 sent representatives from the Women's Committee to attend. They were:

Christy Mangoba, taper apprentice; Asia Canon, taper apprentice; Breanne Geronimo, Director of Training; and Lorna Woo, Director of Government Affairs.

There were a lot of great speakers who shared stories of the challenges and successes they encountered on and off the worksite. "The



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Glaziers Welcome Annual Holiday Giveaway

It's that time again! The Glaziers once again paired their holiday distribution with their annual Holiday Giveaway. Since their distribution has traditionally taken place the first week of November, the Glaziers were the first to hold their Holiday Giveaway on November 5 at the DC50 office. Glaziers excitedly started lining up from about 6:30 a.m. and were met by the Glaziers executive board, business representative, BMST Bully, Lorna and Vanessa. After receiving their



holiday check, \$200 cash, t-shirts, and DC50 duffle bag, no one left unsatisfied that day.

Glaziers who live on the neighbor islands were also able to participate in the holiday distribution as the business reps from the Glaziers, Painters, Tapers, and Floorlayers – as well as Bully and Lorna – flew to the different islands. This year's Holiday Giveaway was deemed a great success as over two-thirds of the Glaziers' membership showed up to these events – and many are already asking about next year's holiday distribution! 🙌

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conference was truly all about women empowerment and all about motivation. I am very thankful to have been given the opportunity to represent DC50 from Hawaii. This was an experience I will forever remember," said Asia Canon.

DC50 looks forward to participating in this annual event and I'd like to encourage more women to join us and make a career



in the finishing trades!

Meeting Reminders

I want to remind everyone to please attend your union meetings. We continue to hold meetings via Zoom – so everyone can join in! The DC50 Women's Committee and the Young Lion's Club continue to meet quarterly, and I urge you all to attend!

Mahalo to each and every one of you for continuing to believe in me to lead our amazing district council. I am honored and proud to stand with all of you as we work hard to keep our union strong! Here's wishing you all the best this holiday season. Please take care and continue to work safely!

Rachel Delgado





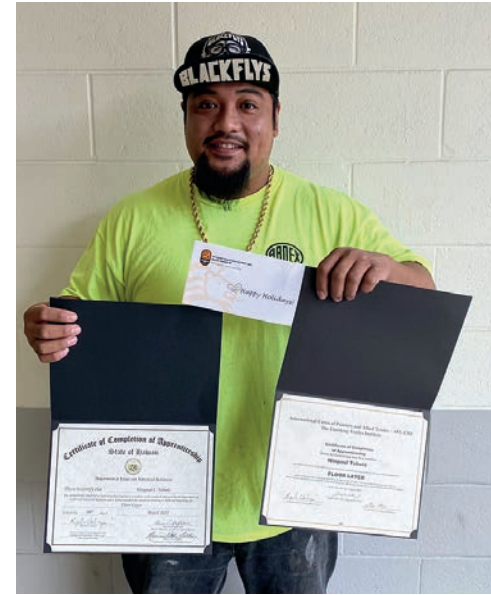
Mele Kalikimaka!

I'm glad we made it through another year of COVID-19. All in all, 2022 has provided us with an ample workload. As we approach 2023, work will remain steady with high-rises, hotels, hospitals, schools and residential subdivisions on the calendar.

Recently, DC50 held its Annual Holiday Giveaway in several locations: December 2 on Oahu at DC50 Hall; December 5 and 6 on Maui at Maui Community College; December 6 on Kauai at the HGEA Hall; December 7 in Kona and in Hilo on the Big Island.

I would like to thank all members on all islands who participated in this event. It was a huge success as each member received a monetary gift, an Ogio duffle bag, and six union shirts. A big mahalo goes out to Duane Daite, Richard "Doozy" Tanaid, and Richard Kawelo for sticking it out to the very end and helping to pass out the shirts and bags.

Please stay safe and enjoy this time with your loved ones! 🙏



Oahu Construction Career Day

After a two-year hiatus due to COVID-19, Hawaii Construction Career Days was able to hold the Oahu Career Construction Days on September 29 and 30 at Aloha Stadium.

Hawaii Construction Career Days is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide Hawaii's youth with insights into career opportunities in the multi-faceted construction industry.



This year's event drew over 1,200 students from over 23 middle and high schools. The event offered the students exposure in two areas: 1) heavy equipment, where students could operate heavy construction equipment and 2) educational exhibits and trades areas consisting of displays from construction companies, educational institutions, and trade associates.



District Council 50 was able to have students use the virtual Aerial Lift program where students could virtually operate a boom lift. The activity garnered lots of attention and a line of students formed to try the VR program.

The event was a great success and a number of counselors, teachers and students expressed interest in having the construction trades visit their schools to create career pathways directly with the schools. 🙏

Kauai Construction Career Day

After two long years of pandemic restrictions, Kauai held its Construction Career Day on November 3 on the grounds of Kauai Community College.

It was great to have in-person contact with the students and to answer their questions about becoming a union member and the ben-



efits that our unions offer. It was a long, hot day, but it was well worth it to see how the students wanted to know how much money they would be making per hour if they became a union member.

The students showed a lot of interest in becoming union members in our four trades. The girls show a lot of interest in becoming Painters or Tapers and I explained to them that a number of women have been successful in those trades. They also liked the idea of working Monday-Friday, earning money, and going to school one day a week

on Saturdays. We also explained that our union would pay for their tuition at any of the University of Hawaii colleges that they choose to attend as long as they are an apprentice registered with one of our four trades. They loved the idea of not having to pay for their own tuition and our hourly rate was very appealing.

The students loved all the stickers and gifts we gave out, and some instructors asked if we would be able to give more information to their students at their schools. We exchanged contact information and will be able to schedule future visits.

Mayor Derek Kawakami and now Lieutenant Governor Sylvia Luke attended and interacted with the students. It was nice to see the students challenging the mayor at some hands-on activities.

Hope to be there next year! 🙌



Painters 1791



Well, another year is coming to a close and our Annual Holiday Giveaway was held December 5-7 for Maui, Kauai and the Big Island. Oahu members held theirs on December 9. It was good to see members come and pick up their shirts, bag and monies. Members were very appreciative, and

everyone exchanged holiday wishes.

This year has been a difficult year, and we are still coming out of the virus and everyone is trying to stay as safe as possible at work and with their families.

As far as work goes, Painters have had steady work, which is something we are all happy about. The forecast for next year looks good and work should continue to keep members busy. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with their family and friends.

As we start another year and return to the day-to-day routine balancing work and family, I hope we all have a great year! 🙌



Mahalo Carl Sana

District Council 50 member and brother Carl Sana is officially retiring from the IUPAT, Local 1889 Glazier's Union. Carl has served as an instructor with the Glazier's Apprenticeship program for over 15 years and will wrap up his career as an instructor this Fall semester.

Carl became a Glazier in 1989. He started out as an apprentice and went through the Glazier's apprenticeship program, where he excelled in welding. When an opportunity to become a welding instructor became available, Carl got on board and never looked back. During his time as an instructor, he taught apprentices at Honolulu Community College. Carl enjoys cooking and was well known for making his pas-tele stew for the last day of each semester. In honor of Carl Sana's retirement, District Council 50 would like to give thanks for his



dedication to the apprenticeship program and Local 1889, as well as for his work and contributions for the betterment of our Union. 🙌

Welcome Laurence Marzan

Please welcome Laurence Marzan, newest full-time instructor with the Floor Layers Apprenticeship program. Laurence is currently a foreman at Honolulu Premier Flooring with 30 years of experience in the trade. His specialties include sheet and vinyl products, wood flooring, carpet tile, and self-leveling floors. His certifications include Nora, Armstrong, Forbo and more.



Laurence served as a floating instructor for the Floor Layers Apprenticeship program and always made himself available whenever he was called on. His dedication and reliability have been exemplary and we are proud that he is now a full-time instructor. 🙌

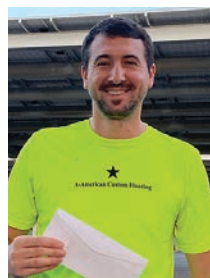
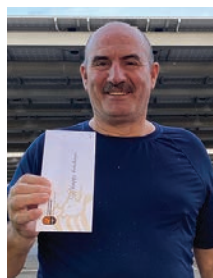
Smiles for 2022

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic and two years of sluggish construction activity that it caused, the resurgence of construction jobs in 2022 was very gratifying. Drywall Finishers were jubilant with the abundance of work on all the islands. Maui was so busy that every available Finisher was working.

On Kauai, the renovation of the Princeville Hotel (renamed I Hotel Hanalei Bay) kept many of the District Council 50 trades busy. Then, unrelenting rains caused water damage throughout the project requiring Finishers from Oahu and Maui to come in and help finish the project after a couple years of delays.

The island of Hawaii was busy with residential projects led by Coastal Construction and J&J Drywall. J&J also worked on a medical facility.

On Oahu, several new high-rise projects in Honolulu, Kapolei and the west side, hotel renovations, warranty repair work on a new residential high-rise, and military projects kept the Finishers busy.



The BMST and District Council 50 have taken the opportunity to give back to the members with the Annual Holiday Giveaway. Members were given t-shirts, a high-quality duffle bag, and a generous monetary gift. The turnout was unbelievable. The members were very thankful, and it showed in their faces and smiles! 🙌



It was a long wait, but when work did break the majority of the Finishers were employed. Jobs are still ongoing, and things will eventually get busier through 2025. With the construction economy growing, the tradesmen are grateful for the abundance of work.

In Memoriam: Ken Zelinsky



Kenneth "Ken" Zelinsky passed away at his home in Sonoma, Calif. on October 27. He was 86. After finishing his service in the Marine Corps, Ken joined his family's painting business – D. Zelinsky & Sons – and spent many years working in San Francisco. He moved to Honolulu in 1971 to open a new branch. Ken built

the company up to become one of the largest and most respected painting companies in Hawaii. Ken retired in 2012 and turned the business over to his daughter Lari and her husband John Bloom, who still operate the business to this day. Ken was well-liked and greatly respected. He will be missed and remembered fondly. 🙌

NEW YEAR'S DAY

Sunday, January 1
(Observed on Monday, Jan 2)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Monday, January 16

PRESIDENT'S DAY

Monday, February 20

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7
(observed by Glaziers LU 1889 ONLY)

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 29

KING KAMEHAMEHA DAY

Sunday, June 11
(Observed on Monday, Jun 12)

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Tuesday, July 4

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 4

DISCOVERER'S DAY

Monday, October 9
(observed by Glaziers LU 1889 ONLY)

VETERAN'S DAY

Saturday, November 11
(Observed on Friday, Nov 10)

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday, November 23

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25



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District Council 50 Meetings

- Retirees Club meeting – have been **CANCELED** until further notice.
- Young Lions Committee meeting – Friday, January 20, 2023, 4:30 via Zoom
- Women's Committee meeting – Wednesdays, February 1, 2023; May 3, 2023; August 2, 2023; and November 1, 2023, 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

- Executive Board meetings – Second to the last Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom
- Membership meetings – Last Thursday of the month at 5:00 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.

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Painters - LUI791	808-941-0991
Tapers - LUI944	808-946-6621
Glaziers - LUI889	808-946-3329
Floor Layers - LUI926	808-942-3988
SpecialtyWorkers-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

MICHAEL REMIGIO, FORMER MEMBER OF
PAINTERS LOCAL UNION 1791