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THE VOICE OF LINEMAN RODEO
SHOWS HOW THE LINE IS TRAINING



By Damien Kim
Business Manager-Financial Secretary

BUSINESS MANAGER'S MESSAGE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope everyone had a joyous and safe holiday season. 2013 looks to be a prosperous year for our industry. Sadly however, 2012 ended tragically with the passing of U.S. Senator Daniel K. Inouye.

A friend who served over 50 years of his life for the people of Hawaii and his country, Senator Inouye brought billions of dollars to Hawaii for construction. Senator Inouye was a well-respected Senator and will be sorely missed. It was fitting that his last words were "Aloha!" Until we meet again Senator, we wish you ALOHA!

POLITICS

At the end of December, Governor Neil Abercrombie appointed Lieutenant Governor Brian Schatz to replace Senator Inouye. U.S. Senator Schatz joins Senator Mazie Hirono, along with Congresswomen Colleen Hanabusa and Tulsi Gabbard on the House side in Congress. We wish Schatz well — he has some big shoes to fill.

What also ends another great era is the retirement of U.S. Senator Daniel Akaka. His demeanor reflected our State of Hawaii. Akaka represented us well during his 36 years of service in the U.S. Senate. We would like to wish Senator Akaka and his wife Millie a happy retirement.

The trickle down effect of U.S. Senator Schatz's appointment includes State Senate President Shan Tsutsui moving to fill the Lieutenant Governor's seat, and State Representative Gil Keith-Agaran of Maui now taking Tsutsui's place in the State Senate. State Senator Donna Mercado-Kim also replaces Tsutsui as the State Senate President. State Representative Joseph Souki from Maui is now the Speaker of the State House, taking it over from Calvin Say. We wish them well.

On January 2, 2013, history was made. This was the first time that the Mayor of Honolulu and the Honolulu City Council were sworn in together at Mission Memorial Auditorium. Mayor Kirk Caldwell and new Councilmembers Joey Manahan, Ron Menor, and Kimberly Pine, along with the re-elected Ikaika

"THESE NEXT COUPLE OF YEARS WILL BRING BACK HOPE FOR OUR CITY."

Anderson and Ann Kobayashi stood on stage together to take their Oaths of Office. They joined their fellow sitting Council members, Stanley Chang, Breene Harimoto, Council Chair Ernest Martin, and newcomer Carol Fukunaga, who took her oath in December.

There was another first at the initial City Council meeting held that afternoon at Honolulu Hale. Council Chair Martio invited Mayor Caldwell to speak at the Council Chair's podium, something no other Mayor got to do. The message that both sides put out was about working together. They vowed that they would work with each other, and although they may not always see eye-to-eye, their relationships will be respectful, and they can agree to disagree. These next couple of years will bring back hope for our City.

So as you can see, this was a big political year for us. Again I want to thank everyone for their efforts in sign-waving, pamphlet handouts, passing on information to friends and relatives, and most of all for getting out to Vote!

HART

Christmas came with a \$1.55 billion Full Funding Grant Agreement from the Federal Transit Administration and the blessing from Congress and President Barack Obama. The Archeological Impact Study trenching is done and now awaits the reports being put together. The court case was heard, and judgment was made that only the last phase and the obtaining of property needed more time. Three items in the last phase are still on the table and construction is still waiting for clearance by the courts. With a supportive Mayor and Council, I believe Rail is still on the move.

Fraternally,

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ON THE COVER: IBEW High Voltage Linemen compete at the recent Hawaii Lineman's Rodeo in Kona, Hawaii.

VALLEY ISLE OUTLOOK FOR 2013

WORK IN MAUI LOOKS PROMISING FOR THE YEAR

[MAUI, HAWAII] — Happy New Year!

Wishing you a Happy and prosperous New Year as we start off 2013.

The employment status on Maui looks very promising as 98% of our members are working. We did see 100% employment at the end of 2012 due to the **Windfarm Project** on the slopes of Haleakala. The project has been completed, most of the members went back to work for another Company, and a few will be referred out shortly.

The **Solar Telescope** atop Haleakala has begun with **Du-Watts Electric**. The weather is cold and the air is thin at the Project location above the 10,000 foot elevation. The project should last for three years with a completion date at the end of 2016. Other projects for Du-Watts include the **Costco** renovations, Fire Alarm work at the **Four Seasons** and the **Grand Wailea Hotels**, Security System work at the **Maui Airport**, the **Residences at Milo Court**, the **West Maui Federal Credit Union**, the **Piiholo Water Treatment Plant**, Control Wiring at the **Kihei Wastewater Lift Stations**, and other smaller projects.

Work at a new Guest Room Tower will begin at the **Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kaanapali**. A new parking lot is currently being built, and renovation of an existing parking lot will be completed before the Tower gets started. All of this work at the Hyatt Regency is being done by **Wasa Electrical Services, Inc.**, who has the most of our members employed. Other Projects for Wasa include the **Andaz Renovation** in Wailea, **Puu Kukui Elementary School**, the **Safeway** at Maui Lani, the **Maui Lani Shopping Center**, the **Kamole Water Treatment Plant**, and an EV Charging Station at the **University of Hawaii-Maui Campus**. Projects on Lanai

include the expansion of **Lanai High and Elementary School**, the **Lanai Community Hospital**, and renovations at the **Four Seasons Hotel at Manele Bay**.

Lite Electric has been steady with work and looking forward to new projects as well. Some of their projects include the **Residences of Hooiea Terrace** at Kehalani and the **Traditions at Maui Lani**, Water Pump Stations with the County of Maui, Wastewater Sewage Treatment Plant Renovations, the Dialysis Wing at the **Maui Memorial Medical Center**, and even projects on Molokai, the **Kaunakaki Ferry Terminal** and the Telecommunications Upgrade for the **State Office Building**.

Other Maui Signatory Contractors include **Teshima Electric**, which has a few members employed in various smaller projects around the island. **Dorvin Lels Company**, a mechanical contractor who has an electrical department that handles the control wiring for the company, has a couple of our members as well.

Our Telecom Contractors who employ Local 1186 members include **Oceanic Time Warner Cable**, **Henkeis & McCoy**, **Integrated Broadband Network Solutions (IBNS)**, and **Home Security and Sound dba Hawaii Low Voltage**.

As you notice by the projects mentioned, work is at a steady pace with more to come in 2013. We are looking forward to another great year.

Mahalo Ke Akua, for all your Blessings!

Ray Shimabuku
Business Representative, Maui County

2013 HAWAII ELECTRICIANS LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

Electricians Board Filing Deadline	Prometric Registration Deadline	Exam Dates - Fridays Dahu, Maui, Kona, Hilo, Kauai
April 9, 2013 (Tuesday)	May 3, 2013 (Friday)	May 17, 2013 (Friday)
June 12, 2013 (Wednesday)	July 12, 2013 (Friday)	July 26, 2013 (Friday)
July 30, 2013 (Tuesday)	September 6, 2013 (Friday)	September 20, 2013 (Friday)
October 8, 2013 (Tuesday)	November 8, 2013 (Friday)	November 22, 2013 (Friday)

For any questions, and to confirm filing deadlines, please call the **DCCA** (Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs) at 586-3000. The State Government office is located at 335 Merchant Street, Room 301 (above the main downtown U.S. Post Office). The testing agency is **Prometric**, (808) 261-8182. For the exact testing locations and times on your Island, please call Prometric. For other information regarding your Training Department, please call (808) 847-0629.



FIRST HAWAII LINEMAN'S RODEO

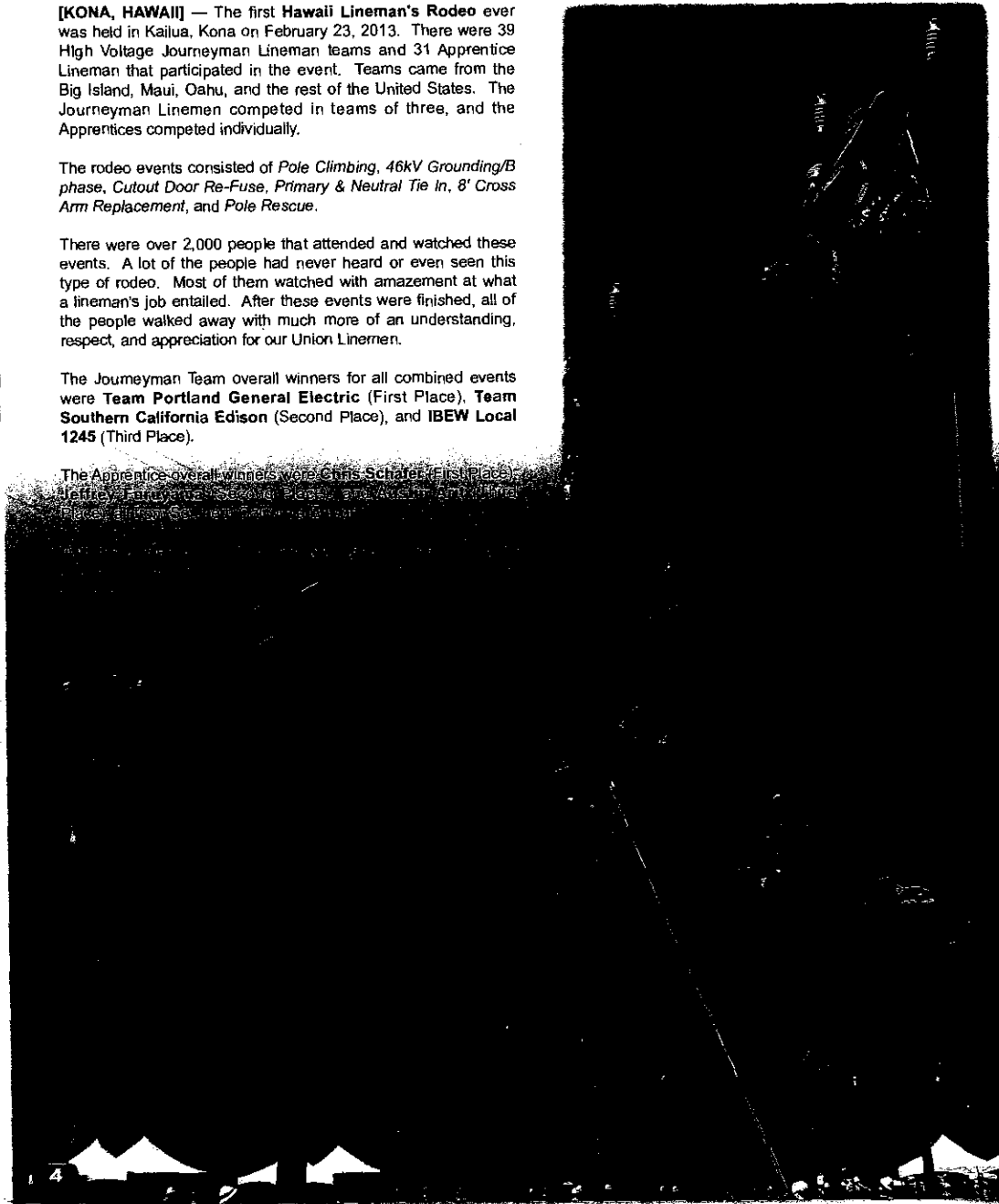
[KONA, HAWAII] — The first **Hawaii Lineman's Rodeo** ever was held in Kailua, Kona on February 23, 2013. There were 39 High Voltage Journeyman Lineman teams and 31 Apprentice Lineman that participated in the event. Teams came from the Big Island, Maui, Oahu, and the rest of the United States. The Journeyman Linemen competed in teams of three, and the Apprentices competed individually.

The rodeo events consisted of *Pole Climbing, 46kV Grounding/B phase, Cutout Door Re-Fuse, Primary & Neutral Tie In, 8' Cross Arm Replacement, and Pole Rescue.*

There were over 2,000 people that attended and watched these events. A lot of the people had never heard or even seen this type of rodeo. Most of them watched with amazement at what a lineman's job entailed. After these events were finished, all of the people walked away with much more of an understanding, respect, and appreciation for our Union Linemen.

The Journeyman Team overall winners for all combined events were **Team Portland General Electric (First Place), Team Southern California Edison (Second Place), and IBEW Local 1245 (Third Place).**

The Apprentice overall winners were **Chris Scharen (First Place), Jeffrey T. Bravens (Second Place), and Andrew J. ... (Third Place).**

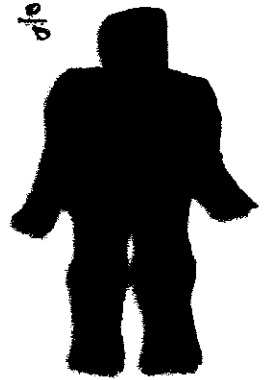


WHAT'S NEW WITH TRAINING



Above: Lineman Apprenticeship instructor William Ashley coaches a pole climbing student.

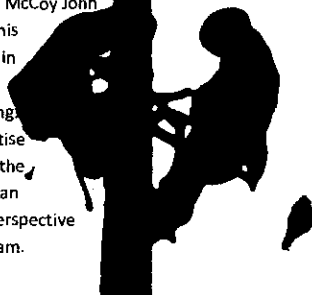
The Hawaii Electricians Training Fund has recently been a recipient of over \$20,000 of Buckingham Manufacturing climbing gear products. Donated products include top-of-the-line climbing belts, steel and titanium gaff sets, SuperSqueezes and even a Rescue Buck weighing two hundred pounds. We'd like to thank Western Region Sales Manager Tim Batty and Hawaii's local Account Representative Kit Ma for making this donation possible. These donations come at the perfect time and are being used for the fledgling Lineman Apprenticeship Program which has been



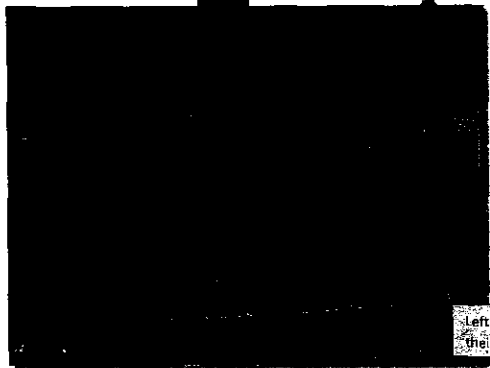
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“back-to-life”. The Hawaii Electricians Training Fund has not had the Lineman Apprenticeship Program since the 1970's. Special of Henkels & McCoy John Gladden for his involvement in getting the program going. John's expertise and years in the trade brings an invaluable perspective to our program.

Apprenticeship Program thanks to Superintendent



FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please sign-up for your safety recertification training classes and skill classes to fulfill your 2013 Collective Bargaining Agreement 10-hour Journeyperson level Skill-Upgrade training requirement. Skill classes are available state-wide at the various Training Centers (Kona Training Center, Kauai Training Center, Maui Training Center, Hilo Location, Oahu Training Center). You may contact our office with any questions by calling 847-0629 or 1-800-622-3830 (toll-free for neighbor islands) regarding what classes are available at your location at any time.



Left: Pole climbing students play toss in order to learn to trust their climbing gear.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS FOR ALL MEMBERS

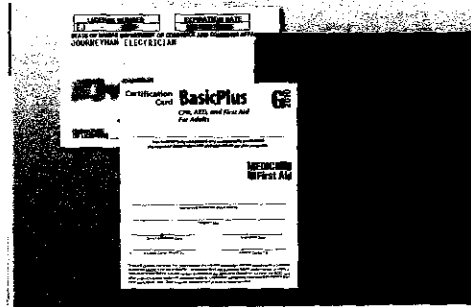
CURRENT WORKING JOURNEYMEN AND MEMBERS SEEKING WORK

FROM THE DISPATCH OFFICE:

All Journeymen Wiremen in Books 1, 2, and 3, MUST bring the following current items before signing the book.

1. State of Hawaii EJ License
2. CPR card
3. Blood Borne Pathogens
4. First Aid
5. OSHA 10 (minimum)
6. Current Dues Receipt

All Journeymen Wiremen should obtain the above mentioned items for advanced placement in the books. For more details, please contact your Union Office at (808) 847-5341 for the Examining Board Standards.



MEMBERS SEEKING EMPLOYMENT:

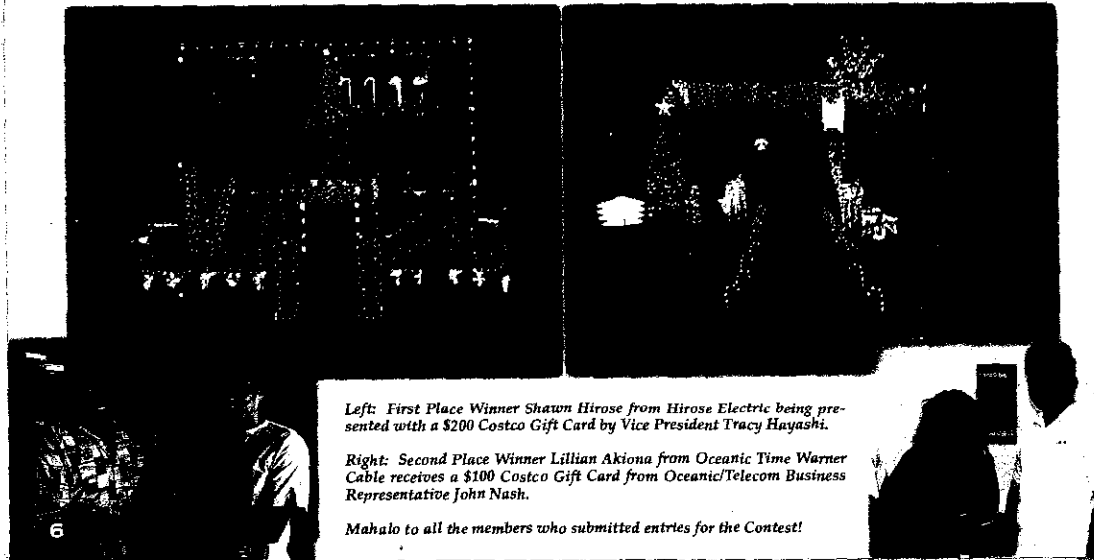
For those who are not currently employed, it is your *kuleana* (responsibility) to keep yourself available for employment.

Responsibility of Applicant. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to sign the appropriate registration book in person. Re-signing of the book may be done in writing, e-mail, fax, or by telephone at the end of each calendar month to signify that he/she is available for employment. It shall be the sole responsibility of the applicant to insure that the Union has received notification of re-registration. If no contact has been made with the Union, the applicant's name will be stricken from the registration book and the applicant will be deemed unavailable for work.

This is extremely important: the State of Hawaii requires the Union to report the individuals who do not re-sign the book, which in turn will stop your unemployment benefits. Failed adherence to this rule could result in ineligibility of benefits for up to two years. The State of Hawaii also requires that members be reported for the following reasons:

- Not re-signing
- Not re-appearing to work
- Being absent for work
- Being out of state

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY LIGHTING WINNERS



Left: First Place Winner Shawn Hirose from Hirose Electric being presented with a \$200 Costco Gift Card by Vice President Tracy Hayashi.

Right: Second Place Winner Lillian Akiona from Oceanic Time Warner Cable receives a \$100 Costco Gift Card from Oceanic/Telecom Business Representative John Nash.

Mahalo to all the members who submitted entries for the Contest!

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GIVING BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY



President Peter Akamu and members of the Hawaii Electricians Retiree Association (HERA) with some of the school supplies recently donated to the students and staff at Puuhale Elementary in Kalihi.



Hawaii Electrician Retiree Club Members
of Don Mataro
Milliani, Hawaii 96799

Dear Hawaii Electrician Retiree Club Members,
On behalf of the staff and students of Puuhale Elementary School, I would like to thank all of you for the donation of school supplies. Your generosity has been overwhelming and has deeply touched the hearts of our staff. Many of our parents were unable to purchase all of the supplies that they have purchased out-of-pocket. These donated supplies will help enable the students to be prepared and ready to learn in the classrooms.
Please note: No consideration or reward for future consideration has been made or given in exchange for or in contemplation of the above donation.
Again, thank you for your kind generosity and have a Happy New Year!!

Sincerely,
[Signature]
Kalihi St. Laurent
Principal

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Attention: In our effort to keep our members well informed, we would appreciate your cooperation in notifying us of any change of address. Please call the Union Office at 847-5341 to report any change.

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MARCH OAHU MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY 6 Unit 2 Executive Committee Room 202 5:00 p.m.	WEDNESDAY 6 Unit 2 Membership (Federal Sector) Room 202 5:30 p.m.	THURSDAY 14 Unit 1 Executive Committee Room 202 4:30 p.m.
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THURSDAY 14 Unit 1 Membership (Private Ind.) Room 202 5:00 p.m.	WEDNESDAY 20 LU 1186 Executive Board Fifth Floor 4:30 p.m.	WEDNESDAY 20 LU 1186 General Membership Room 202 6:00 p.m.
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APRIL OAHU MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY 3 Unit 2 Executive Committee Room 202 5:00 p.m.	WEDNESDAY 3 Unit 2 Membership (Federal Sector) Room 202 5:30 p.m.	THURSDAY 11 Unit 1 Executive Committee Room 202 4:30 p.m.
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STEP OUT WALK TO STOP DIABETES™

American Diabetes Association

ON SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH

Join us in participating in a worthy cause! Join us in the American Diabetes Association "Step Out Walk" to stop Diabetes on Saturday, March 16, 2013 and have a great time in the process. We will be at **Queen Kapiolani Park** at 7:00 am and the program will start at 7:15 am with warm-up stretching and exercises, **LOOK FOR OUR IBEW BANNER TO FIND OUR TENT.** The actual walk will begin at 8:00 am.

Go online to register and join our team – it will be convenient for you and your sponsors – family and friends. For one thing, there is no cash handling involved, and it's all done by credit card. You can also view how our team is doing in comparison to other participating organizations.

Here are the instructions: Go to www.diabetes.org/hawaii, click on "Step Out Walk", then "Join an existing team", enter "Team IBEW Local 1186", and donate with what you are comfortable with.

The prize levels for those successful in collecting the specified amount is listed on-line. We suggest everyone to try to collect \$10 from 10 people to raise the \$100 for a T-shirt, so at least you get something for all your hard work and efforts in convincing people to donate.

We'll see you there to help support this great organization and cause!