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## WORKPLACE HEROES: The Union Steward



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STATEWIDE — The past months had people buzzing about the latest *Avengers* movie. But here at Local 142, we have been building our own army. The Local has been holding New Steward Training classes regularly since February.

As of this writing, 87 members throughout the Big Island, Kauai, Maui, and Oahu have gone through this intensive day-long training.

Stewards volunteer their own time to learn about their union contract and be the bridge that connects union help with a worker's grievance.

In a time where unions are under attack by Trump's Republican regime, we applaud these leaders who step up to the plate as stewards -- saying, "Yes, I represent

the union. Yes, I can make a difference."

"I stepped up to be a steward because I am one of the youngest ones in the workplace," said Kawika Noa-Nakamoto of Unit 4405 Sac N Save (Oahu). "I look forward to getting older and being known as someone who is there to help."

"I've been working a long time; I can retire already. But I don't want to until I see how much of a difference I can make here. Better

late than never," said Vicente Baldos from Unit 2408 Foodland (Maui).

No matter what age, the common thread among many of the stewards is their desire to help and make a positive difference.

This kind of leadership in the current political climate is not only brave -- it is heroic. If you feel you want to learn more about the union and what kind of difference you can

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The next Local Executive Board (LEB) meeting is scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m. on June 21, 2019, in Honolulu at the ILWU building on 451 Atkinson Drive. ILWU members are welcome to attend as observers.

## News from the Dispatcher

# Pressure builds on Oakland Port to scrap plans for a waterfront stadium & condos

Police and news helicopters circled overhead as hundreds of union and community supporters converged on the dusty entrance to the Port of Oakland's Howard Terminal. The gathering occurred on May Day – the traditional workers' holiday – and attracted supporters from near and far who marched and rallied with the ILWU and a host of maritime unions and business groups who are opposing plans for a baseball stadium and luxury condos on the Terminal's 55 acres. More than a dozen speakers repeated the same warning to local politicians: "Your plans for luxury condos and baseball stadiums don't belong on the working waterfront!"

## Intensely industrial

While the crowd gathered, noisy container trains rumbled past on their way to and from the docks with union engineers at the controls who blasted their air-horns to show solidarity. A much longer line of diesel trucks waited in each direction, hauling trailers full of scrap and crushed cars down the dusty Embarcadero. They were headed to Schnitzer, one of the nation's largest recycling and steel companies, with operations in 30 states including California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii. Their Oakland facility is bordered by the Howard Terminal that may soon be surrounded by luxury condominiums if the ill-conceived stadium deal goes forward.

## Diverse coalition

Local 10 President Melvin Mackay has helped build a coalition to fight the stadium/condo plan that includes some surprising allies, including Schnitzer, the Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Ag Transport Coalition, Trucking Associations and Save the Bay.

"We've been working with the truckers and all parts of the maritime industry," said Mackay. "We've got to keep what we have at the Port. We have no room to give up, and if we do, you won't have a job. It's only a matter of time," he said.

"If they build condominiums, if they build hotels, you can rest assured that the waterfront in Oakland is gone. Those people don't want to live next to industrial operations that make noise and dust 24-7, and they'll demand changes and force out industry to protect their property values," he said to hundreds at the rally.

## Flight Attendant support

Mackay introduced the day's special guest, Sara Nelson, President of the Association of Flight Attendants, the union representing 50,000 workers at 20 airlines. Known as a dynamic speaker, Nelson didn't disappoint, and she encouraged union members to, "stand up and make your voices heard. There are so many jobs at stake here, good jobs, and the only way to save them is

by organizing and fighting for our rights – which is the only way that working people have ever made progress," she said.

## Support from teachers

Many teachers attended the event from both Oakland and San Francisco. Susan Solomon, President of the United Educators of San Francisco, drew the connection between good schools and good jobs, explaining:

"We can't live in a society without good jobs for kids, no matter how hard they and their teachers want everyone succeed in school."

Solomon noted that the main mover behind the stadium deal is Oakland Athletics owner John Fisher – who made his fortune the old-fashioned way – by inheriting it from his father who owned the Gap, Old Navy and Banana Republic stores. The Fisher family has billions in assets and is a top donor to anti-union political candidates and causes, including charter schools and other efforts to weaken teacher unions.

ILWU International Secretary-Treasurer Ed Ferris, a member and former President of Local 10, told the rally that keeping the baseball stadium out of the Port is a life-and-death decision:

"Our very future survival is at stake. I understand that the Oakland A's want to have a new stadium and that's fine. Do it at their existing site. Let's make sure that the City of Oakland, the Mayor, the Council and everybody understands that this stays a dock, not a stadium."

Marina Secchitano, President of the Inlandboatmen's Union, the ILWU's Marine Division, has been working with Mackay to help organize the local coalition and said, "If we don't protect our jobs, there aren't going to be any good paying jobs. We have to come out and we have to fight for them."

Some supporters at the rally travelled long distances to attend, including Local 13 Vice President Gary Herrera, Local 63-OCU President John Fageaux, and Local 500's Joulene Parent from ILWU Canada, who attended with her husband Mike from Local 514. Local 13 members Francisco Franco, Monique Anglada, and John Seixas were also in attendance.

Local leaders from the Bay Area included BALMA President Mike Villiggante and Local 34 President Keith Shanklin, Local 10 Vice Robert Bradford and Local 10 Business Agent Trent Willis who served as the MC for the march to City Hall.

The group of new ILWU members who are organizing at the Anchor Brewery were represented by Brace Belden.

Trucking Company owner Randy Garcia of GST Transportation, said the City of Oakland is facing a defining moment: "Is the mayor, the city council and Port Commission going to stand by the men and women of this city and

country, or are they going to stand by the rich men of this city and state?"

Local 10 Pensioner Clarence Thomas, who was interviewed at length by Pacifica radio on the morning of the rally, told listeners: "This is a development deal, pure and simple. It involves valuable real estate and luxury condos, which have nothing to do with the kind of affordable housing that Oakland needs. He said that the typical small percentage of "affordable housing" included in most development deals was a drop in the bucket compared to what is needed.

The stadium project got rolling in April of 2018 when the Port and Oakland A's approved a one-year "Exclusive Negotiating Agreement."

## Stadium moves to next step

Just over a week after the 2019 May Day protest, on May 13, Oakland's Port Commission voted unanimously to approve an "Exclusive Negotiation Term Sheet" – a deal that allows the Oakland A's to move forward with planning and preparation to design their project and propose a lease. The project can move forward with environmental impact studies, waivers and permits needed to build the stadium. The City of Oakland will need to re-zone the site for non-industrial and residential use, something that will require jumping through legal hoops with two powerful agencies: the Bay Conservation and Development Commission and State Lands Commission.

On the morning of the May 13 meeting, the community coalition opposing the project and the Oakland A's held competing events outside the Port Commission offices. The community coalition opposing the stadium held a press conference that featured active and retired waterfront workers dressed in their

work vests, hard hats and oil covered overalls.

The Oakland A's sponsored a pep rally just a hundred yards away with a live music, DJ, free food, and "SWAG" bags. Former Oakland A's star players Ricky Henderson, Shooty Babitt and Bip Roberts worked the largely affluent crowd who were decked-out in expensive A's jerseys and baseball hats. An oversized box truck, outfitted with a digital billboard displayed an architectural rendering of the stadium.

Only a small portion of the crowd that morning was allowed into the commission meeting. Most stayed outside and watched the meeting on large-screen TVs set-up outside.

Inside, Port Commissioners showed their bias by giving the A's time for a fancy PowerPoint presentation of their proposal. Stadium opponents had to present their case as individual speakers, confined to a time-cap of one minute each.

During public comment, Clarence Thomas noted the irony of the stadium's design that seeks to capitalize on the history of the Oakland's working waterfront by incorporating two non-working cranes as "ambience" and "props" while real workers are likely to be displaced in nearby terminals that will inevitably run into trouble with wealthy condo owners nearby who object to the 24-7 operations that involve dust, dirt, noise and bright lights. "We are not props. Longshore workers are vital to the economy of the entire region, but this Port Commission seems willing to sell the 'goose that lays the golden egg' in order to make a quick buck," Thomas said.

Mackay said that the Commission's decision to move forward with the stadium was a "slap in the face" to port workers and vowed that the fight to protect good jobs will continue.



**Holding them accountable: ILWU Local 10 President Melvin Mackay questioned Oakland Port official Mike Zampa about the agency's commitment to protecting good jobs and industrial zoning. Port Commissioners voted to continue formal planning talks with the Oakland A's for a new waterfront stadium and condo development. Maritime unions and businesses - along with environmental groups - oppose the plan because it threatens jobs and raises a host of other problems.**

# In Memoriam

## In warm remembrance of William "Willie" Kennison

Retired ILWU Maui Division Director and long-time union leader William "Willie" Kennison passed away on May 21, 2019. Willie retired from the ILWU in 2012 after 30 years of active involvement in the labor movement.

The Local would like to honor William "Willie" Kennison in this issue of the VOICE because we are proud to call him ours. The ILWU Local 142 would not be the same kind of organization it is if we did not have people like Willie who devoted a good portion of their lives to the membership and the labor cause.

Willie retired at the end of 2012 after more than 30 years as a full-time official. Even after he retired, he remained active in union activity, in particular, the ILWU Memorial Association Board of Directors and PAC.

### Start in Sugar

Willie was born in Wailuku and was a 1964 graduate of Baldwin High School.

He got his start at Wailuku Sugar Company in 1967. As he performed a variety of duties within the company as a cane haul truck driver, planter, and journeyman welder, he also helped his fellow workers in his capacity as union steward.

By 1977, Willie was unit chairman of Wailuku Sugar. Willie had a mind for strategy and a natural way of connecting to others. How else could he have gotten 100% of his unit to decide to go on strike that year? The demonstration of solidarity made the union strong and set an empowering example for many other workers on Maui.

### Early Promise

Willie showed such promise and leadership potential that several

ILWU leaders started mentoring him, namely past Maui Division Directors Tom Yagi and John Arisumi and former business agent Tai Sang Yang. While he was evolving as a leader, the economic landscape of Maui changed drastically.

### Grounding Force in Turbulent Times

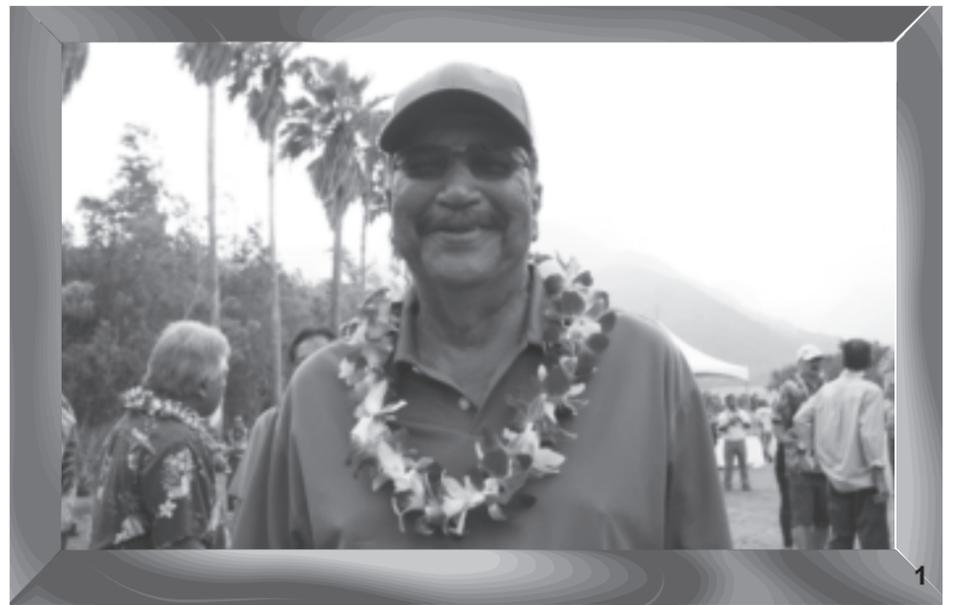
The rampant closures and layoffs that happened as Hawaii's main economic engine shifted from agriculture to tourism threatened to rock Maui to its core. However, people like Willie within the ILWU provided a grounding force and a source of support and guidance for many workers who were caught in the shuffle of this transition.

He helped members apply for Social Security, file for workers' compensation, and petition the Immigration Service to bring family members to the U.S.

All the while, Willie was a quick study, learning all he could about other industries in the ILWU. He negotiated most contracts on Maui in the mid-1980s through the 90s and beyond, including agreements for Hyatt Maui, Grand Wailea, Four Seasons-Lanai, Maui Prince, Renaissance Wailea, Ritz-Carlton, Maui Pine, and HC&S.

### Honored for a Legacy of Aloha

At the 26th Convention of the ILWU Local 142 in 2012, he was given an honorary resolution for his imminent retirement. The members in attendance made sure his aloha



*Willie Kennison*

*Feb. 25, 1946 - May 21, 2019*



would not go unacknowledged, and gave countless and sometimes tearful accounts of Willie's kind and dedicated efforts that went above and beyond to support members in need and embodied the union's principles.

We express deep appreciation, too, for his wife Evelyn, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for being the foundation from where he could draw strength and inspiration.

His funeral on June 2, 2019 was hours long to accommodate the masses who showed up to honor his memory and fondly remember his endearing quirks and exemplary character.

Rest in aloha, Brother Willie. We will always remember you and the way you taught us the power of humility and the courage of the heart.

1. After the closure of HC&S in December 2016, the company's owners threw a Mahalo Luau the following month at Maui Tropical Plantation for all workers involved.

Pictured here is Willie at the event. He started in sugar as a worker and saw it through 'til the very end, always keeping the membership as his number one concern in his roles as both Business Agent (since 1981) and Maui Division Director (since 2003).

2. Willie at a bowling tournament in 2004 with some of the Maui Division ohana. He was active in all aspects of union life, even the union sports program.

3. As a Business Agent Willie made frequent visits to all his units. Here he is on site at Ameron International (a cement manufacturer) in 2002.

4. In 1981 Willie took over as chairman of the union's Political Action Committee and became PAC coordinator in 1999. Here he is at a Labor Day picnic in August 2002 - a regular stop for politicians each year.

5. Even though he was retired, he Willie remained active in PAC, attending events like Legislative Opening Day in 2017.



# Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship

## Congratulations, 2019 Bouslog Labor Scholarship Recipients!



*(Editor's note: the following was written with information from Leah Bernstein, Director of the Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship Fund - HBLSF).*

### Who was Harriet Bouslog?

The scholarship is named for the lawyer who represented ILWU Local 142 in the 1940s and 1950s.

Harriet Bouslog defended workers who hardly had the means to defend their cases, let alone receive any type of counsel.

Bouslog's courage and commitment to social justice coupled with the ILWU workers' tenacity brought deep lasting change to the whole state.

She started this scholarship fund in 1989 to benefit the children and grandchildren of ILWU Local 142 workers attending schools within the UH system.

### Winners join proud legacy

The Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship was created with ILWU members' families in mind. This year the Harriet Bouslog Scholarship Fund awarded 12 new scholarships for the Fall 2019/ Spring 2020 academic year at the University of Hawaii.

Combined with students currently in the program, there are 49 total students receiving scholarship assistance for the coming academic year. Congratulations to this year's awardees!

### Selection process

Harriet Bouslog created the HBLSF for high school seniors entering UH as freshmen in the hopes that they would complete their degree at UH and go on to a UH graduate school if so desired.

This year the HBLSF received 30 completed applications. Although the selection committee was happy to receive that many applications, only four of them were from high school seniors. With insufficient high school senior applicants, there was an abundance of upper-class students, but not enough available scholarships for them.

Unfortunately, this was the first time in all its 31 years that the HBLSF had to turn away applicants.

### Preference for high school seniors

The imbalanced amount of freshmen applications to upper classmen applications has become a trend in recent years, so the HBLSF would like to emphasize that special preference goes to applications from high school seniors. This preference is especially granted to those seniors whose qualifying relative is their immediate family, i.e. a parent or grandparent.

Visit [www.harrietbouslog.com](http://www.harrietbouslog.com) for more information. You can also call 808-537-3327 or email Mark and Leah Bernstein at [harrietbouslog@gmail.com](mailto:harrietbouslog@gmail.com)



### Amber Abara

Amber's grandfather Florentino Abara, Sr. worked for Dole Foods.



### Julia Asano

Julia's great grand aunt Amelia Among Rego worked for Dole.



### Geraldine Euplas

Geraldine's mother Rosemelda Euplas works at Unit 2506 Kaanapali Beach Hotel on Maui.



### Alyssa Faletoi

Alyssa's uncle Chad Adrian works at Unit 1417 Hawthorne Pacific Corp. in Hilo

## Scholarship Award Amounts

**UH Manoa:**  
\$2000/semester

**UH Hilo/West Oahu:**  
\$1000/semester

**UH Community Colleges:**  
(Hawaii, Honolulu, Kapiolani, Kauai, Leeward, Maui College)  
\$750/semester

### Basic Things to Check Off...

- qualifying relative an ILWU Local 142 member past or present
- applying to or attending any of the 10 UH system schools
- Video: taped interview of an ILWU Local 142 member; Written Essay: What was the most important accomplishment of the ILWU in Hawaii? For more info on application requirements, go to [www.harrietbouslog.com](http://www.harrietbouslog.com)!

Ask any ILWU Local 142 member why they work so hard, and chances are that they will answer:



# FAMILY

All of the students awarded scholarships have parents, grandparents, great grandparents and/or close `ohana who are current or retired ILWU Local 142 members.

# Harriet Bouslog Labor Scholarship



**Syvee Ashley Galam**

Syvee's father Meliton G. Galam, Jr. works at Unit 4405 Foodland.



**Shelsea Medeiros-Aiona**

Shelsea's father Sheldon Aiona works at Unit 1517 Hilton Waikoloa Village on the Big Island.



**Jessica Valdez**

Jessica's mother Myrna Valdez works at Unit 1402 Mauna Loa Mac Nut on the Big Island.



**Mahalo to the past year's awardees...**

Several awardees fulfilled their internship requirement by helping out at this past year's Local Convention in September 2018.



**Kallen Kobayashi**

Kallen's great grandfather Ikuji Shiraishi worked at HC&S on Maui.



**Skye Navarez**

Skye's father-in-law Charles Navarez Jr. works at Unit 1201 Big Island Stevedores.



**Cameron Viernes**

Cameron's grandmother Hilaria Angelo Viernes worked for Unit 2516 Hyatt Regency Maui.



**Kimberly Lactaon**

Kimberly's cousin Shantelle Rosete works for Unit 4420 Kapiolani Medical Center.



**Janel Okamura**

Janel's grandfather worked at Unit 4402 Love's Bakery.



Pictured at top from left to right: Kaylen Samson (her grandpa was a member in the pineapple industry), Terri Miyoi (Local staff), Taylor Agra (her dad is a member of Unit 4201 McCabe, Hamilton & Renny). Pictured below from left to right: Romel Gaspar (his mom works at Unit 1515 Fairmont Orchid), Aldon Dela Pena-Bermudes (his uncle is from Unit 4201), and Kaipoleimanu Diaz (she works at Unit 4420 Straub Clinic and Hospital)



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# An Injury to One is an Injury to All

## HSI Clericals succeed in getting first contract



Front L-R: Unit Secretary-Treasurer Kanani Numata, Unit Vice Chair Chris Nakama, Unit Chair Kimberley Goo. Back L-R: Jeff "Ronny Jr." Mueller, Business Agent Dennis Morton, International Field Representative Dustin Dawson.

HONOLULU — In an ideal world, every workplace would be unionized. Unions ensure that workers receive the kind of wage increases, job security and benefits that ultimately boost economic mobility.

In other words, unions help more people have a true shot at the American Dream: prosperity, happiness and security.

Unfortunately, we do not live in an ideal world.

But luckily, our union has several new members who are willing to fight for a different vision of how things usually unfold for the average worker.

### Leadership from the ground up

The HSI Clericals are an example of a group of workers who felt unprotected and expressed an interest and need for a union back in September of 2018. When workers vote to be a part of a union, the next step is to negotiate a first contract with management.

"A lot of times, employers like to treat employees like they're replaceable," said International Field Representative and Unit Spokesperson Dustin Dawson. "Once you become union, they (the company) know your value as

a worker."

The negotiating committee is comprised of members who are voted into their roles by their fellow workers.

"Being part of this committee was a good idea because I got to see both sides - the company's side and the workers' side, and why the union matters for our end," said Unit Vice Chair Kanani Numata.

"It was time consuming to learn so many new things," said Unit Chair Kimberley Goo. "But I was committed because through all the research, I saw how much protection the union gives us. The company cannot blindside you. So just having that level of security is a huge relief for us."

### Hard-earned success

On March 29, 2019, the HSI Clerical negotiating committee met to go over their first contract.

It was ratified the following day, meaning it was approved by vote by other workers in the company.

The union would not survive if not for members whose values align with ours, and we are thankful that we can count on them to take positive action on behalf of those values. Welcome to the ILWU ohana, HSI Clericals. It is so good to have you aboard.

## Workplace Heroes: The Union Steward



(photo ID's from page 1)

1. Big Island Stewards Cindy Carvalho and Shannon Severson from Unit 1421 Foodland Waimea.
2. Oahu Stewards Jon Manungas, Rudy Kele, and Phillip Muller, Jr. from Unit 4404 Anheuser-Busch.
3. Maui Stewards on the right side of table, top to bottom: John Palpallatoc and Dane Josue from Unit 2520 Grand Wailea Resort, Derrick Chee from Unit 2511 Makena Shared Services, LLC. Business Agent Manny Baltazar is on the left side of the table and Business Agent Charles Andrion in the background.
4. Big Island Stewards Christine Keanu on the left side of table and Veronica Kahoonei and Allan Cabanting from Unit 1520 Sheraton Kona Resort and Spa at Keauhou Bay.

## Food drive help for Mauna Lani Workers



Genesis Gacayan, Business Agent (BA) Michael Dela Cruz, BA Roselyn Molina, BA Jennifer Yadao, Jovena Moses, Colleen Antonio, Tina Lukzen, Jeannie Silva, BA Tristie Licoan with tables full of boxes of donated food to sort through and prepare baskets for distribution to members in need.

HILO — The ILWU slogan "An Injury to One is an Injury to All" is a core philosophy that shapes much of the work of the union, especially during difficult times for our union brothers and sisters.

Many hotels in Hawaii have been undergoing major renovations in order to appeal to ever-growing consumer demand.

While the need to change and revitalize properties is completely understandable, sometimes this creates immense challenges for the workers.

Unit 1516 Mauna Lani Bay Hotel and Bungalows has been closed for the past nine months for renovation. The 14 month temporary layoff affected over 300 workers.

"We're hanging in there," said Mauna Lani member Jeannie Silva at the Big Island Recognition Night back in February. "We can get help with unemployment, and the other avenues the union helps us with."

As the maximum amount of time to collect unemployment (six months) reached its close for

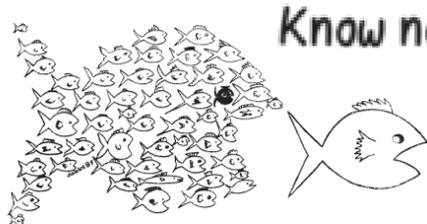
most members in April, the Hawaii Division ramped up their food drive efforts. They started collecting and distributing food baskets since the very beginning of the temporary layoff, asking for donations from sources such as the different Big Island pension clubs.

Economic unpredictability is a harsh reality. However, it is also a reality that the union will do whatever they can to help its members during difficult times.

Contact the Hawaii Division at 935-3727 for more ideas on how to kokua these union brothers and sisters.



More donations piled high at the Hilo ILWU Hall. Photos courtesy of Business Agent Tristie Licoan.



Know non-union workers who need help organizing?

Let us help!

Call the ILWU and ask for the Organizing Department at your Division Office.

Big Island 935-3727 Maui 244-9191 Kauai 245-3374 Oahu 949-4161 Longshore 949-4161

# DO YOU KNOW WHO AH QUON MCELRATH WAS?

...If you don't know, you better ask somebody...

This is someone to be proud of when you think of ILWU history; this is part of your labor legacy.

### Tough Beginnings

Ah Quon was born in 1915 in Honolulu to working class immigrants from China.

She and her nine siblings came of age during the Great Depression. Her father died when she was five and times were tough enough as it was. The determination it took to scrape by in difficult times undoubtedly shaped her social conscience.

### Passionate Learner

Economic hardship did nothing to tame her spirit, and she quickly learned that her passion for learning would take her far. When it came time for her to further her studies, she was fully aware that education helps to level the playing field, and made sure to leverage this to her best advantage.

She was concerned with the

big questions: Why do some have to suffer the ills of poverty and misfortune while others don't? What can be done about the gap between the haves and the have-nots? How much responsibility do the haves owe to the ones who don't?

### Driven for Justice

Since the age of 13, Ah Quon, known by most as AQ, spent summers canning pineapple earning 12-1/2 cents per hour.

College at the University of Hawaii helped her dive deep into the ideologies competing to shape the times: communism, socialism, capitalism...

She already had firsthand experience with the inequality of capitalism with the meager wages she and the majority of Hawaii's people endured.

But her commitment to the labor cause truly solidified when she witnessed the violence that enabled the core of the capitalist status quo; obey and do your job or else.

The first instance of violence



AQ doing what she did best...giving galvanizing speeches. She is pictured here giving a fiery speech that earned a standing ovation at the 32nd ILWU International Convention in 2003.

came via the violent beating of labor leader Jack Hall (another ILWU hero for another issue of the VOICE) during the 1938 Honolulu dock strike, and then from the Big Island's Hilo Massacre, where strikers were bayoneted and shot by police.

### Local 142 Legend

She graduated in 1938 from the UH with a degree in social work. She became a tireless advocate for justice and fairness on behalf of the working class in Hawaii, not just in the capacity of social worker, but as what we refer to today as a community organizer.

Her moral compass was founded on deeply held beliefs that were layered in her whole being: from personal experience, the dream of a more just Hawaii and stopping the demoralizing violence that kept so many from dreaming in the first place.

She walked the talk, so no one could knock her off her game, even though she barely cleared five feet tall. When this small in stature woman talked, people listened; that is power.

### The Ah Quon McElrath Documentary Project

ILWU Local 142 was so fortunate to benefit from her leadership and vision for more than two decades. As ILWU's first social worker, she helped make our organization matter as a progressive force in Hawaii.

It is important to remember someone like her, especially for the younger generations. Please read the details at the left for more information on how to contribute to a documentary project spearheaded by UH West Oahu's Center for Labor Education and Research (CLEAR) that will help students and other people learn more about AQ and her crucial contributions to the labor movement in Hawaii.

Education was a turning point for AQ and her destiny as a powerhouse for justice.

Educational projects like these can help us make sure we can keep the fire going and perhaps even inspire the AQ's of tomorrow.

...NEVERTHELESS  
SHE PERSISTED....



If AQ were alive today, she would have been

Donald Trump's worst nightmare:

A child of immigrants.

A woman.

An outspoken pro-union and pro-labor woman, at that.

*In these times, we need to learn from our role model kupuna to create a better world...If you are so inspired by AQ's story, please consider donating to the project that will help others learn about her too.*

**To donate to the Ah Quon McElrath Project, checks can be made to UH Foundation (memo line: AQ Documentary Project).**

Please mail checks to either:

ILWU Local 142  
451 Atkinson Drive  
Honolulu, HI 96814

University of Hawaii Foundation  
P.O. Box 11270  
Honolulu, HI 96828



# ILWU Sports

## Oahu beats Big Island for Basketball State Championship



**KALAHEO** — The 39th Annual State Basketball Tournament was held on May 18, 2019 at Kalaheo Gym on Kauai.

This year the state tournament was held in May instead of December. Maui Division was unable to get a team because of the timing, but all other divisions participated with Kauai competing with an extra team.

### Semi-Finals

The first semi-final game was between Oahu (Unit 4201 Hawaii Stevedores, Inc.) and the Kauai team “Showtime” made up of members from Unit 3515 Princeville Resort.

Both teams played hard, but Oahu won 68-51.

The second semi-final game was between Big Island and the Kauai team with members from Unit 3511 Grand Hyatt. Big Island led for most of the game, and won 75-25.

### Consolation Game

The consolation game between the two Kauai teams pitted players from Princeville and Grand Hyatt against each other. Team “Showtime” with the players from Princeville ended up winning 73-45.

### Championship Game

The championship game between Oahu and the Big Island brought some heated competition front and center.

Oahu took a definitive lead in the

first half even though Big Island scored first with a three-pointer. With two minutes left, the score was Big Island 45 and Oahu 49, but Oahu sealed it with a win 54-47 in those remaining minutes.

### Individual Awards

Most Valuable Player: Chaz Bajet (Oahu - HSI)

3-Point Shooting: Arnold Orpilla, Jr. (Oahu - HSI)

### Success Thanks to All

The awards portion of the tournament was held at the gym’s facilities.

The tournament and awards luncheon was organized by the Kauai Division: Division Director Pamela Green, Business Agents Chad Pacheco and Davin Kai Lopez.

Thanks also go to Oahu Business Agent Paris Fernandez, Big Island Business Agent Tristie Licoan, and Local Secretary-Treasurer Brian Tanaka for assisting with the event and making sure it ran smoothly.

## NEXT STATEWIDE SPORTS EVENT: GOLF

**Aug. 31 - Sept. 1, 2019**  
**Hosted by Maui Division**  
**Call your Division for more info!**



**State Champions Team Oahu (Hawaii Stevedores, Inc):** Front L-R: Arnold Orpilla, Jr., Chaz Bajet, Eugene (Coach) Paaluhi, Jr., Sean Katsu Curry Dacuycuy, AJ Forsythe. Back L-R: Chad Akana, Faifaiese Emosi, Jr., Julian Sensley, Christopher Pieper, Kamalu Umu.



**2nd Place Team “Da Crew” from the Big Island:** Front L-R: Chase Cazimero Unit 1513 Waikoloa Golf Course, O’shen Cazimero (dependent), Ryan Bautista Unit 1503 Mauna Kea Beach Hotel, Reeve Cazimero Unit 1513, Kolten Carvalho, Unit 1513. Back L-R: Chance Pang Unit 1517 Hilton Waikoloa Village, Justin Agbayani Unit 1517, Mikala Jordan Unit 1515 Fairmont Orchid Hawaii, Keali’i Jardine Unit 1513, Cameron Naihe-Tabiolo Unit 1503.



**3rd Place Team “Showtime” from Kauai Unit 3515 Princeville Resort:** Front L-R: Keane Agoot, Anson Yasay, Cody Dolor, Johnny Ballesteros. Back L-R: Brison Nacapuy, Sean Bisarra, Jaden Kudrna.



**Sportship Award Team Kauai from Unit 3511 Grand Hyatt:** Front L-R: Romulo Punzalan, Scott Remigio, Ian Salumag. Back L-R: Sheldon Peralta, Bryon Ponte, Ronnel Constantino, Drew Brause, Lito Roslyn, Benny Batulayan.



Photo at left: Mahalo Kauai Division! Pictured are Kauai Division clerk Mona Dotario-Agor and Kauai Division Director Pamela Green. Photo at right: Local Secretary-Treasurer Brian Tanaka and Kauai Business Agent Davin Kai Lopez instruct the players participating in the three-point shoot out.