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GINO IS MOVING ON

Gino Soquena, former MIH Director, is moving on to become the Executive Director of the Hawaii Building and Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO. **Gino** became the MIH Director in 2017 and successfully organized the MCAH Scholarship Golf Tournaments. He also spearheaded efforts in resolving issues with the Hawaii Energy Code by enlisting **Dr. W. Mark McGinley**, Ph.D., P.E. to produce a study titled "Alternative Energy Code Compliant Design for Single Wythe Masonry Structures in Hawaii". We wish **Gino** all the success in his new endeavor.



Gino Soquena (left) presenting **Leanna Troung's** parents a scholarship check for \$3,000.00

42ND ANNUAL MCAH SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **MCAH** Scholarship Golf Tournament was held on Thursday, June 27th at Pearl Country Club. The event was attended by 135 golfers as well as, members of the American Society of Civil Engineers – Student Chapter, members of the American Institute of Architects and a whole host of volunteers from the members of **MCAH**.

MCAH had originally announced that the six scholarship winners were receiving \$2,000 each to help with their continuing education. Because of the generosity of the participants in last year's golf tournament, each of the scholarship winners received \$3,000. The winners are: **Chandelle Pascual** - attending Western New England University majoring in Forensic Biology with a minor in chemistry, **Aubrey Kaneshiro** – attending Leeward Community College majoring in business, **Aizel Joy Sibayan** – attending the University of Hawaii at Manoa majoring in nursing, **Jenna Katayama** – majoring in Physiology and Developmental Biology at either Brigham Young University at Provo or Western Washington University, **Leanna Troung** – attending the University of Nevada at Las Vegas majoring in Comprehensive Medical Imaging – Radiography, and **Wilson Tadena** – attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University studying aerospace engineering.. At the awards presentation, **Ryan Wada**, President of **MCAH**, thanked the many sponsors who helped to make the tournament a success and for providing funds for next year's scholarship awards.



Aubrey Kaneshiro, **Aizel Sibayan**, **Jenna Katayama**, **Chandelle Pascual** and **Wilson Tadena** (**Leanna Troung** not pictured)



The Coors Team at Pearl Country Club



ASCE Student Chapter received \$1,000 from **Gino Soquena**



Lisa Kim, Lauri Maikui, Ryan Wada and Colleen Itamura



Peter Iriarte (Center) with volunteers from Local 630 OPCMIA



Gino Soquena presents a \$1,000 check to members of the AIA Student Chapter



Golfers at the 16th hole enjoying a taste of sake

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Sumo Ice Cream Station: **Gino Soquena** and volunteers from Affiliated Construction

SAVE THE DATES

The 43rd Annual MCAH Scholarship Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, June 19, 2020** at Pearl Country Club. The MCAH Tournament is being sponsored by: MCAH, Local 630 OPCMIA, Laborer's Union Local 368, SEAOH, AIA-Hawaii Chapter.

2019 MCAH CONFERENCE

The MCAH is holding its 2nd Annual Conference at Turtle Bay Resort on September 20 - 22, 2019 (Friday – registration, Saturday and Sunday). After a successful inaugural conference in 2018, the seminar schedule has been expanded to include information about masonry and related industries and their challenges. Registration is now being accepted. Please see the MIH website for the registration form: www.masonryhawaii.com.

ALTERNATIVE ENERGY STUDY

The Masonry Institute of Hawaii had contracted with **Dr. W. Mark McGinley, Ph.D., PE** from the University of Louisville to provide a study titled *“Alternative Energy Code Compliant Design for Single Wythe Masonry Structures.”*

The study is yet to be finalized. Upon completion of the study, MIH will be conducting seminars to provide the results. Additional information will be provided on www.masonryhawaii.com.

IN WITH THE OLD AND OUT WITH THE NEW

At its June, 2019 Board meeting, President **Ryan Wada** introduced MIH's old, new director. **Rod Haraga** served as MIH's director from 2013 to 2017 and was asked to come out of retirement and help with MIH's many challenges.

Rod previously served as Director for the State of Hawaii's Department of Transportation.