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# Masonry in Hawaii

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## MASONRY AND WINE

Over 110 architects, engineers, developers and general contractors were in attendance at the “Masonry and Wine” event held on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at the Honolulu Country Club. The event was sponsored by the Mason Contractors Association of Hawaii (MCAH). Grand Sommelier **Roberto Viernes** introduced 6 different wines and paired it with foods that complemented each of the wines.



Ryan Wada, President, MCAH greets attendees.

The highlight of the evening were presentations of masonry projects designed by four locally renowned architects. **John Hara**, John Hara & Associates, presented the University of Hawaii West Oahu Campus to the attendees. Special training for the masons was required due to the extra dense concrete blocks used for the exterior walls of the building structures. He selected a special color mix and type of masonry units and worked closely with Tileco Inc. who provided the CMU blocks.

The Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School project was designed by **Kendall Ellingwood III**, Design Partners Inc. Kendall picked masonry as his building’s material of choice because of its

versatility, fire resistance and maintenance free qualities. His own private residence is constructed entirely of masonry walls. The mason contractor for the West Oahu structure and the Daniel K. Inouye Elementary School was **Ono Construction**.

The nationally recognized project, Middle Street Intermodal Facility, was awarded the Masonry Institute of Hawaii’s project of the year in 2013. This masonry structure was also awarded the National Concrete Masonry Association’s project of the year in 2014. The design architect, **John Ida**, Urban Works Inc., provided a comprehensive description of the challenges in the design and construction of the facility. Mason contractor **Quality General Inc.** did all of the concrete and masonry work for the project. **Glenn Miura**, CDS International, was the design architect for the Aiea Public Library located at the site of the old Aiea sugar mill. Glenn’s design made the library look like a glowing lamp in the Aiea Heights evenings. Local contractor, **Affiliated Construction Inc.**, was recognized for doing excellent work in masonry blocks and natural rock work.

A special thanks went to **Local 630 OPCMIA** for having its members assist with pouring the wine and assisting at the registration desk.



Roberto Viernes, Grand Sommelier, introduces the wine

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Roberto Viernes pours champagne for guests.

## RESPIRATOR/SILICA SEMINAR

Tracy Lawson, Lawson and Associates Inc., provided information to MCAH members on the requirements for development of training guidelines for the use of respirators. New Federal regulations will require contractors to develop a training program for its employees by July, 2017. The seminar was held at Pearl Country Club on Saturday, August 20, 2016.



Tracy Lawson presents at Pearl Country Club.

## 2016 MIH PROJECT OF THE YEAR

MIH is seeking nominations for masonry and/or concrete structures that have been constructed in Hawaii using local contractors and workers that have had a positive impact on the masonry industry, community and clients are eligible. The project must be substantially completed and available for use within two calendar years prior to nomination. Please visit [www.masonryhawaii.com](http://www.masonryhawaii.com) for the nomination form and additional information. Entries will be accepted until December 23, 2016.

The award ceremony for the **2016 Project of the Year** will be held at the Honolulu Country Club on Wednesday, January 25, 2017.

## MIH AND ISLAND AIR

The Masonry Institute of Hawaii and Island Air are working to develop a link on the MIH website for making reservations on interisland travel with Island Air. All commission fees when making reservations through the MIH website will be donated to the MIH. We hope to have the website available before the end of 2016. Please visit [www.masonryhawaii.com](http://www.masonryhawaii.com).