



# HONOLULU CHAPTER

**30TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET • WAIEA JOBSITE VISIT  
BROWN BAG: VERIZON PRESENTATION AND MANAGING THE MILLENNIALS  
ANNUAL CFMA GOLF TOURNAMENT**





## *Aloha Everyone!*

As this is our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year as a chapter of CFMA, please take a moment to reflect on this milestone event for our chapter. For thirty years, our chapter has been a part of this national association which is dedicated to the continuing education of financial professionals in the construction industry. Throughout these thirty years, our chapter has taken the lead at the local level to provide our members with educational programs, networking opportunities, and events to just unwind and have fun.

To celebrate our chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a very special commemorative banquet was held at 53 By the Sea with forty members and guests in attendance on April 27th. We were honored to have CFMA National President, Stuart Binstock, as our guest speaker. Stuart updated us on upcoming national activities and initiatives and presented our chapter with a congratulatory proclamation from CFMA National. With Diamond Head and Waikiki as a backdrop, all in attendance enjoyed good food, good drink, and great company. Thank you very much to Board members Stephie, Neill, and Scott for their tireless planning to make this event memorable.

The Board also took advantage of Stuart Binstock being in town by holding a Strategic Planning Session on April 26<sup>th</sup>. With Stuart facilitating, your Board members and selected invited members (Wes Mikuni, Glenn Okuno, and Dean Sugimoto) spent a very productive afternoon discussing the future direction of the chapter.

On June 22nd, member Ken Spence of Nordic PCL arranged for our chapter to take a tour of their soon to be completed Waiea jobsite. Waiea, an ultra-luxury residential tower by the Howard Hughes Company, features a spectacular exterior glass curtain wall (with over ninety percent of the panels being unique) and is located directly across from the Ala Moana Beach Park. We all came away very impressed with the construction of this residential tower and would like to thank Ken for giving us the opportunity to visit this site. After the tour, we gathered at Ryan's for further networking and socializing.

Ben Nakaoka arranged for Verizon Wireless to present the latest technology trends they have to offer for the construction market on July 21st. GPS tracking of your equipment fleet to reduce fuel consumption and

for loss prevention as well as the use of tablets and smartphones to reduce “paperwork” were just a couple of topics covered during this Brown Bag session.

Our annual CFMA Golf Tournament was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Ewa Beach Golf Course. Great weather, gorgeous setting, delicious food, spectacular golf shots, and networking with our peers made for a relaxing day at the course. Thank you very much to our tournament sponsors, King & Neel, Travelers, Zurich, and First Insurance Company of Hawaii for their continued support of our tournament.

A luncheon presentation on ‘Active Shooter Response Preparation’ was held at Oahu Country Club on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Ed Howard of Pax Bellow Security Solutions presented an edge of your seat, riveting presentation on this subject. Are we ready as individuals and as businesses to handle these types of situations? At work? At play? As we were reminded, these types of occurrences have happened here in Hawaii. Thank you to Kent Lau for setting up this luncheon presentation.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> of December, the chapter presented a brown bag session on ‘Managing the Millennials’. Dennis Higashiguchi of N&K CPAs was our featured speaker at this event. He gave a very interesting recap of the characteristics of this generation and strategies that could help you create a mutually beneficial workplace for all age groups. Assuming the statistics he referenced are correct, in a few short years, the millennial age group will make up approximately fifty percent of the workforce. If you have not already done so, start preparing for this new reality. Thank you to James Wong for coordinating this brown bag session.

In the remaining months of our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year, your Board members will continue to plan events to provide our members with opportunities for education, networking, and fun!

*Raymond*

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# Chapter Strategic PLANNING SESSION

Every two to three years, CFMA National recommends that chapters hold a strategic planning session to review, update, and map out a course of action for the coming years. This year, as CFMA President and CEO Stuart Binstock was in town to help us celebrate our chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we asked Stuart to facilitate the strategic planning session for us on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. It was an extremely interactive and productive session with Stuart's expert guidance helping us keep on point throughout the session. Topics of discussion focused on bettering our internal chapter communication processes, educational opportunities, possible chapter admin help, and chapter succession planning. We thank the following chapter members for participating in this session: Thalia Choy, Stephie Rae, Brad Char, Ben Nakaoka, Ken Lau, Ryan Nobriga, Dean Sugimoto, Glenn Okuno, Wes Mikuni, and Raymond Nii with a very special 'mahalo' to Stuart Binstock for facilitating this session.





# CFMA HONOLULU CHAPTER 30TH ANNIVERSARY



Thirty five years ago, the vision to build a national association specifically to address the financial concerns of the construction industry was born with the establishment of the New Jersey chapter. Five years later, in 1986, our Honolulu Chapter was established and became a part of this rapidly expanding national association. Today, CFMA has over 92 chapters throughout the U.S. and Canada and has over 7,500 members!

The Honolulu Chapter of CFMA was established in 1986. Looking at our current membership roster, we have three members whose membership in CFMA dates back to 1985. They are, Thomas Cabrinha of ECA LLP, Harvey King of King & Neel, and Al Linton of Kalu Glass. Your chapter's officers and Board members will continue to strive to honor the legacy

of our chapter's founding members by providing our members with information, training, and education relating to construction financial management while remembering that networking and having fun are also vital parts of our mission.

We were honored to have as our guest speaker, CFMA National President and CEO, Stuart Binstock. Stuart received his JD from the Catholic University School of Law in Washington, D.C. and has a BS in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University. Stuart has served in executive positions for such trade and professional associations as the National Electrical Contractors Association, Associated General Contractors of America, and the American Institute of Architects.







# GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our chapter's annual Golf Tournament was held on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Ewa Beach Golf Club. Forty four members and guests enjoyed a relaxing day on the links as we all enjoyed the fellowship, great weather, and some spectacular golf shots throughout the round. Everyone was a winner as the chapter gave away CFMA logo'd golf balls to all the participants.



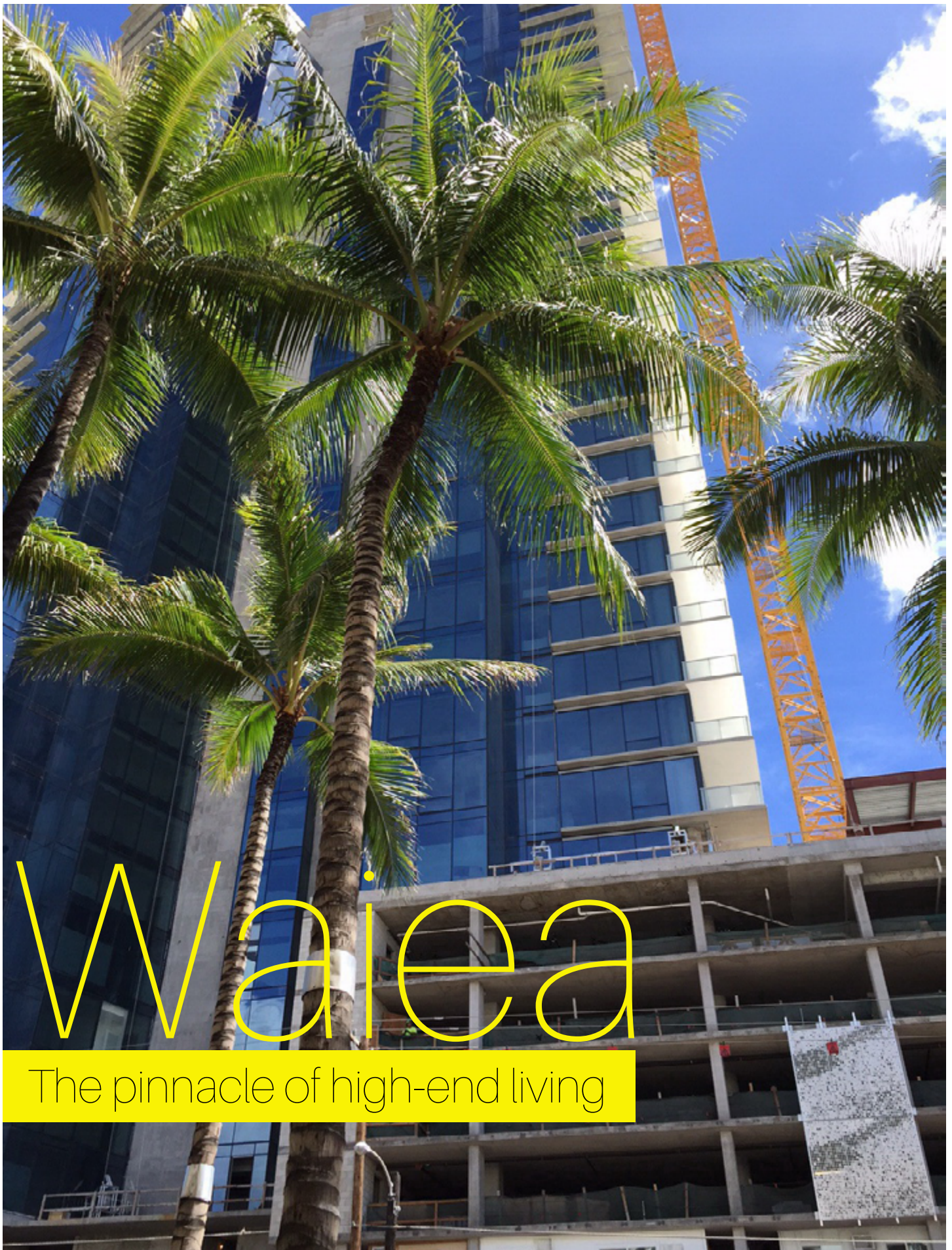




# GOLF TOURNAMENT







# Waiea

The pinnacle of high-end living





An entirely new level of luxury in Hawai'i, the planned Waiea represents the pinnacle of high-end living on Ala Moana Boulevard. With its sweeping, unparalleled glass façade and spacious view-oriented interiors, this 36-floor tower represents a level of architectural sophistication never before available in Hawai'i. This luxury residential tower, mixed-use development has a total of 177 units, swimming pools, theater, chef kitchen, lounge bar, library, golf simulator, spa, and entertainment pavilions totaling over 56, 000 sf.







Active Shooter

# Luncheon Presentation

The 'active shooter' scenario is something we all heard about in the news. However, if we were to be placed in this type of situation, how many of us are truly prepared to take appropriate action? as a individual? as a company? On October 27<sup>th</sup>, we were introduced to the 'Active Shooter Response Preparation' concept as presented by Ed Howard. Everyone at the luncheon came away a bit anxious from the information presented but with a clearer understanding on what needs to be done given this circumstance.







Brown Bag:

# Managing the Millennials



Just when we became accustomed to ‘managing’ people who could be classified as Baby Boomers, Gen X, or Gen Y, we now face the ever growing component of Millennials in our workforce. As with the generations before them, the Millennials take on certain characteristics that are somewhat unique to their generation. The Brown Bag session that was held on December 1<sup>st</sup> addressed the characteristics of this generation and strategies that could be implemented to create a mutually beneficial workplace for all.

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