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A \$300,000 donation was made to Homeaid Ka La'i Ola housing project to assist residents affected by the Lahaina wildfire. The funds were donated from the Credit Union Wildfire Relief Fund. The donation was made to assist in financing needed for landscaping, window tinting, etc.

Ka La'i Ola—"The Place of Peaceful Recovery"—is a 58 acre temporary housing development that will house up to 1,500 wildfire survivors for up to 5 years.

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[Alan Arai celebrated for his 50-year commitment to the credit union movement](#)

The entertainment world is full of single-moniker notables – Elvis, Madonna, Beyonce, Adele. In Hawaii's credit union world, we have our own single-moniker notable. We all know him as Nala.

Alan "Nala" (Alan spelled backward) Arai recently celebrated 50 remarkable years of service at Valley Isle Community FCU on Maui. His career reflects his passion for credit unions and commitment to the community. He balances a keen business acumen with a wicked sense of humor that is well known in the industry.

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Putting the “fun” in summer fundraising, Big Island FCU offered members the Summer Skip-a-Payment promotion to raise money for The Food Basket, Hawaii Island’s Food Bank.

Members could request to skip their July or August loan payment for a fee. Half of all promotion fees collected were donated to The Food Basket. With additional donations from members and staff, a total of \$5,855 was donated.

“We are excited to make this donation for a great cause!” said Big Island FCU President/CEO Nicki Aguinaldo.

A dark blue banner with white text and a logo. The text reads 'NCUA EXPRESS' in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller font, is 'Register Now For September 30 IRS VITA Program Webinar'. On the right side of the banner is the circular logo of the National Credit Union Administration, featuring an eagle with wings spread, holding a shield, with the text 'NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION' and '1934' around the perimeter.

Credit unions wanting to learn more about how the IRS’s VITA program can benefit them and their communities are invited to attend a webinar hosted by the National Credit Union Administration on September 30.

Registration for this webinar, “How the IRS Vita Program Can Serve Your Community,” is now open. The webinar is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. Eastern and is expected to run approximately one hour. It will include a live question-and-answer session.

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Credit Unions Set 2025 Testing Agenda for the lab* at Filene

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[the lab* at Filene](#) takes the next step in innovation by testing new products and ideas to help credit unions grow and make a positive impact on their members and communities.

the lab* at Filene’s 3rd Annual Symposium brought together leaders from some of the most visionary credit unions and founders of best-in-class emerging solutions with the goal of driving the future of the credit union industry. Highlights of this intensive three-day summit included exploring trends shaping our system in 2025, evaluating twenty groundbreaking emerging solutions, and ultimately selecting the six solutions credit unions will collaboratively test beginning in January.

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Hawaii Island Credit Union Young Professionals meet with Mayor Mitch Roth

Credit union young professionals on the Big Island had a meeting with Big Island Mayor Mitch Roth.

The 30-minute talk story session focused on leadership. Mayor Roth shared how he prioritizes his time while doing his job and running for reelection. He explained his leadership philosophy of focusing on positive work being done, not just focusing on problems, to keep employees growing with the organization. Mayor Roth also recognized the positive impact of all nine Big Island Chapter Credit Unions on the communities they serve.



HSF FCU Marketing Coordinator Jessica Carriaga was recently recognized by the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce with the Professional Excellence Award.

Carriaga was called a driving force in Hawaii Island's financial community for over 9 years. Her dedication extends beyond the office as she serves on the Board of Directors with Hawaii Island United Way and is active in the Big Island Chapter's Young Professionals Committee.

A proud University of Hawaii-Hilo alumna with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree, Carriaga balances her professional achievements with family time, enjoying afternoons outside with her husband, son, and fur babies.

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ICU Day 2024 celebrates the impact credit unions continue to make for their members. It is also a chance to be thankful for the lives and communities that have been improved by our movement.

This year, we are partnering with the Star-Advertiser **[to create a directory style keep sake section](#)** for credit unions. The directory will highlight credit union information and important facts that readers should know about the benefits of credit union membership.

[International Credit Union Day Directory](#)

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Credit unions, business partners, vendors, and supporters! Mark your calendars and make plans to join us at the 2025 Hawaii Credit Union League Annual Convention. Next year's convention travels back to Hawaii Island's beautiful Kohala Coast as we gather at the Waikoloa Beach Marriott Resort & Spa from May 1 – May 3.

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A banner image featuring a blue sky background with a silhouette of a mountain range. In the foreground, there are stylized, golden-yellow leaves and branches. Overlaid on this image is the text "STANDING WITH MAUI CREDIT UNIONS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

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