

## What IEHA Has Done For Me

*"The most important thing IEHA has done for me is providing me the opportunity to earn my CEH certification. IEHA is a great organization with great leadership and is willing to go outside of the box and encourage change. This is a positive organization and will remain a leader for many years to come. The staff is also very friendly and helpful."*

*-Tom Bogerd, CEH*

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### What has IEHA done for YOU lately?

If you would like to contribute to this monthly column, please send your comments to [ldigiulio@ieha.org](mailto:ldigiulio@ieha.org).

For helping teach custodial practices to clients of the Nebraska Department of Vocational Rehabilitation Service, University of Nebraska—Lincoln's Custodial Services was named an "Employer of the Year" by the State Rehabilitation Council. The award—an inaugural honor given to six employers statewide—was accepted by IEHA member **Ron Bailey** (pictured above), Associate Director of Custodial Services and member of the **Cornhusker Chapter**, during a ceremony in the Nebraska Union on October 23, 2008.



Working in six regions statewide, Vocational Rehabilitation places individuals with disabilities into permanent, full-time employment with benefits. Individual disabilities range from developmental to physical. Voc Rehab clients complete a 12-week course learning about custodial practices at UNL. The training is the same for all new employees, with lessons building from a 144-page, 12-module custodial handbook. They also learn from hands-on instruction provided by managers, supervisors, and custodians.

Congratulations!

The **Hawaii Chapter** held a car wash fundraiser on July 20, 2008, at Kahala Chevron in East Honolulu. Comprised of one "wash" team and one "dry" team, the housekeeping professionals washed a variety of automobiles from Bentleys to SUVs. Through the rain, heat, and humidity, volunteers enjoyed the team building experience to raise funds for the Chapter. A net total of \$619 was raised from the car wash, and Chapter President Gary Nushida hopes to organize another car wash for 2009. Hawaii Chapter members that attended the car wash included: Diane Nakamura (ResortQuest Waikiki Beach Tower), Clifford Nakamura (Orkin), Darrell Aquino (Doubletree Alana Waikiki), Derrick De Mello (AlSCO—American Linen Division), Teresa Calabrese (Guest Supply), Bonnie Valdriz (CPF Distributors), Sean Michael Valdriz (CPF Distributors), Kent Inouye (Baltic Linen), Kelsi Inouye (Kent's daughter), Jo-Ann Yonamine (Outrigger Reef on the Beach), Cindy Castillo (Outrigger Waikiki), Ivy Kwok (Outrigger Waikiki), Elaine Terry (Trade Publishing), Anna Rockenschaub (Waikiki Beach Marriott Resort & Spa), Gary Nushida (Hawaii Prince Hotel), Janice Ng (Outrigger Waikiki), Kaliko Soon (Miramar at Waikiki), Len Delekta (Image Apparel Hawaii LLC), Mely Rivera (ResortQuest Waikiki Beach Tower), and Greg Sakaguchi (Specialists LLC).



*From left to right: Ivy Kwok, Janice Ng, Elaine Terry, and Cindy Castillo.*



*From left to right: Bonnie Valdriz, Cindy Castillo, Gary Nushida, Janice Ng, and Ivy Kwok.*

## Attention IEHA Members

**Do you know any up-and-coming employees in the cleaning industry who aren't current members of IEHA?**

**For example, it could be a supervisor in your department, a janitor at your children/grandchildren's school, a colleague, a friend, etc.**

**If so, we would like to know them! Please send their name and contact information to [excel@ieha.org](mailto:excel@ieha.org). Thank you!**