

# IAM District 141 Welcomes New Members South of the Equator



District 141 representatives traveled over 7,000 miles this week to meet with new IAM members at Hawaiian Airlines at Pago Pago (PPG) in American Samoa. The 43 represented employees met with District 141 AGC Arthur Croker, Educator Mac McGovern, Communications Coordinator Dave Lehive and Meki Pei, President of Local 1979 in Honolulu, Hawaii who also serves as IAM 141 EAP Representative for Hawaiian Airlines.

“This is one of the most productive and profitable routes for Hawaiian Airlines as it employs IAM members in many duties on the island,” said AGC Croker. IAM members in Pago Pago work in Customer Service, including providing assistance to passengers who need wheelchairs, in Ramp Services including Lav and Water, in Load Control, and also as Cargo Agents and Aircraft Cleaners. Three Aircraft Technicians based in PPG are represented by IAM District 142.

A “meet and greet” event held on Saturday evening provided the new members an opportunity to learn about the programs and benefits available to them through our union. District Educator Mac McGovern distributed union information materials and also described the training classes

that are offered to members. McGovern will be coordinating with AGC Croker to schedule training classes so the members gain the knowledge they will need to represent their co-workers.

President Meki Pei stated that Local 1979 is ready to assist the members in PPG and to give them the support and representation they need and deserve.

The PPG members elected two Shop Stewards via secret ballot who will hold the positions for one year. Newly elected Shop Steward Melesio Gurr, a 9-year employee at Hawaiian was very happy to welcome the District 141 Representatives, stating: "I'm very excited to have a union in Pago Pago. The IAM will bring an additional voice to our employees. Also, I'm very excited to say that we're the first station the IAM District 141 is representing south of the Equator."