

# Housekeeper has a passion for cleaning

Trade association honors  
Rosita Galera, 72, with  
lifetime achievement award

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West Loch resident Rosita "Rose" Galera flew to Las Vegas last week to collect a lifetime achievement award from the International Executive Housekeepers Association for a half-

century of cleaning everything from homes and small offices to large hotels.

Galera, 72, has a passion for cleaning that began as a teenager and continues today. "The rewards are that you know that you're doing something good for people," she said by phone after winning the award.

She owns her own business, Clean Plus Systems II, trains high school students in housekeeping and food sanitation career development, and serves

as a consultant to Hawai'i's hotel industry.

Galera was the first executive housekeeper for the Hale Koa Hotel in 1975 and served as the corporate executive housekeeper for Aston Hotels & Resorts from 1979 to 1992.

"I decided in 1975 to make it a career," she said. "It was a very challenging and very rewarding job manag-

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