

**Na Kilohana 'O Wahine**  
The Superior of Women

Honolulu, Hawaii

**A Chapter of the  
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**HOLIDAY MESSAGE:**

**2012/2013 ABWA District VI Vice President**



**Bryna Dambrowski**

December 1, 2012

Greetings to the Na Kilohana O'Wahine chapter from Hawaii. It is my privilege as your District VI Vice President to send you well wishes and tell you a little bit about myself.

I have been a member of ABWA over 14 years, and am a Senior Global Sales Account Executive with Delta Air Lines. My work career has been enhanced by my membership in the association and I believe strongly in the ABWA mission that provides personal and professional growth and educational opportunities for women in all stages of their lives. "ABWA provides networking, business relevant programing and friendships that last a lifetime. Through the SBMEF scholarship program we are able to support and promote education to existing members and those outside the association. By serving this year in a national role, I am paying forward what I have been given through ABWA. I am honored and humbled to represent District VI for 2012/2013."

During this time of year, it is imperative to stop and give thanks for all we have accomplished both professionally and personally. I attended a Holiday event this past week through my travel association. Our annual charity is called Operation Game On. This organization teaches wounded warriors of all branches of the military an opportunity to learn the game of golf. Sounds like a simple thing to do, right? However several of these young gentlemen were at our event and most had life altering injuries including several with no arms, legs, feet, etc. Why do I mention this? Because they were some of the happiest men I have met in a long time. They were grateful to be alive and glad to leave the hospital and/or rehabilitation facilities to be outside and learning something they never would have considered being able to do.

Are you happy? Through our fellowship and sisterhood in ABWA we can live a rich and rewarding life. I found this profound quote that is the epitome of what is most important this holiday season. "The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others so." *Unknown author*

Have a wonderful *Holiday Season* and do not hesitate to contact me if there is anything at all you need.

In ABWA Friendship,

*Bryna*



*Best Wishes for a joyous & Happy Holiday Season!*

**Building Strong Connections**

Family Programs Hawai'i provides services to prevent children from entering foster care; support children and families involved in the foster care system; and assist youth transitioning out of care.

- Members of NKOW will volunteer at the Family Holiday Party
- Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm
- Blaisdell Center Exhibition Hall

The Mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.



## Presidents Message:

*Holiday Greetings, Happy Christmas, Merry New Year to Na Kilohana 'O Wahine members:*

*Whew, we made it through a jam-packed November which also included our garage sale FUN-draiser. Yes, it was awesome to have the strong, energetic younger members speed through the set-up as we actually got it all done before midnight – Chris did an awesome job hauling the heavy TV into position which was SOLD by our key salesperson Yvonne! It was fun to have time eating together and we thank Myrtle for opening up her home to accommodate us again. Thank you to all who brought all the food! Friday we had sushi from Lorraine, pizza from Haunani, chicken from Myrtle, Saturday brought dimsum from Iris, pastries from Roena & Leilani, won ton and noodles soup from Myrtle and thank you for the COKE! We made about \$600 and help the environment by keeping our green theme of recycling one's "trash" becoming another's treasure!*

*Welcome to our newest member, Karen Chang Barr who joined us after a very informative member education session with Susan Yamada on "Business as Un-Usual." Some of our newer members attended the New Member orientation also held last month and there is quite a buzz of excitement with them and having Lorraine and Karen join us, too!*

*Hope you got your Chapter T-Shirt size in because we will be in style for our 1<sup>st</sup> Charity Event "Holiday Party for the Foster Family siblings" on December 1<sup>st</sup>.*

*Don't forget, the meeting date has been changed to the third Wednesday because some of us will be attending Alice Inoue's 12-12-12 event! On December 19th, our VPs: Yvonne and Haunani will be in charge of the celebration, Iris Yafuso will be coordinating our games and Myrtle has generously agreed to create our prizes! Invite your family! Bring your 24 goodies to share in our holiday treat gathering session and don't forget your canned goods for the Hawaii Foodbank collection. Reserve your craft table or invite a vendor to come celebrate with us, too.*

*Keep Smiling!*

*Patti Ann Hokama, President*



### Best Practices Scorecard

Members (30-50)	31
Good Standing	x
Slate of Officers	x
All EB positions assigned	x
Submitted \$100	x
Tax return by 12/17th	x
Chapter Woman of the Year	
Top Ten Business Woman Nominee (3 recruits)	
SBMEF contribution	
Member Survey (10)	x
SPOT Analysis	x
Vision Statement	x
Striving for Best Practices Course	x
Annual Business Plan and Budget	x
Category on WIN: Business Plan	x
Officers and Chairs on WIN	x
Standing Rules approved with ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct	x
Category on WIN: Standing Rules	x
Professional Development Programs (9)	4
25% of Operating Budget - Program	x
Sponsor Conferences (3-6)	
One Attendee for National 2013	
Newsletters (6)	2
Category on WIN: Newsletters	x
Uploaded Newsletters to WIN	x

## “Season of Giving” written by Chuck Gallozzi

It's that time of year again known as Christmas. Whether we're a Jew, Christian, Muslim, Buddhist, or Hindu - believer or unbeliever - we probably all welcome a season that's devoted to GIVING. For that's when humanity is at its best. That's the time we transcend our petty thoughts of self-interest and reach out to others. In the words of Cicero (106 ~ 43 BC), "In nothing do men more nearly approach the gods than in doing good to their fellow men." As I write, malls are swarming with shoppers looking for the perfect gift. So, I'll devote this space to making some suggestions. The good news about the priceless gifts I recommend are that they are affordable by all. Here is a list of gifts you may wish to consider.

- 1. PEACE OF MIND.** Instead of upsetting others with anger, suspicion, or impatience, grant them peace of mind by being understanding and accepting.
- 2. FORGIVENESS.** This is not only the season for giving, it is also the season for forgiving.
- 3. JOY, EXUBERANCE.** No one likes a complainer. Start spreading the good news. Spread cheer, not fear.
- 4. YOURSELF.** Give the greatest gift of all, yourself, by serving others.
- 5. HOPE.** Discouraging words can destroy people and encouraging ones can uplift them.
- 6. UNDERSTANDING.** Try to put yourself in the place of others and understand how they feel.
- 7. FRIENDSHIP.** Can you imagine anything more painful than loneliness? To help eliminate it, be a friend. By offering companionship and support, you help make their and your life worthwhile.
- 8. COMFORT.** A gentle look, a soft touch, or a warm embrace may be all that is needed to lessen the pain of another.
- 9. A SMILE.** A smile puts people at ease. It tells them you are not a threat.
- 10. A CHANCE.** One of the great gifts we can offer to another is a chance. If they've gone astray, we can give them the opportunity to make up for their misdeeds and recover from their mistakes. By recognizing that people make mistakes, we give them the courage to change. What better way to make a better world?

The above represent only some of the many gifts we have in our power to give. We can decide on the most appropriate one by asking ourselves, "What is the most loving thing I can do for the person now before me?" Our gifts don't have to be exceptional. Even small ones will do, for as Mother Teresa (1910 ~ 1997) said, "It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." As we go through life dispensing gifts, we discover who we are and who we can become. And with time we will learn that the good we do for us dies with us, but the good we do for others lives on.

Note: Above are just excerpts on article written by Chuck Gallozzi. Visit <http://www.personal-development.com/chuck>

***ABWA Western Regional Conference  
Districts II & VI  
March 14-16, 2013  
San Diego Marriott Mission Valley***



**ABWA Annivrsaries:**

Patti Ann Hokama – 17 years  
Lynn Fujiwara-Chun – 14 years  
Haunani Yano-Medeiros – 1 years

**Birthdays:**

Lena Yafuso – 12/13  
Patti Ann Hokama – 12/26  
Dawn Paresa – 1/5  
Donna Miyashiro – 1/14

**Announcements:**

Get inspired or re-inspired or re-charged with clarity and balance!  
Presented by Alice Inoue, Life Guide

**“2013 and what it brings for you!”**

Saturday, January 12, 2013 – 12:00 p.m.  
Tree Tops Restaurant  
Buffet Lunch to follow  
\$20.00 NKOW members / \$25.00 non-members

**UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS**

December 1: Family Program Hawai'i at Blaisdell Center

December 19: Monthly Event at Japanese Cultural Center featuring “Holiday Party” (RSVP by Sunday, 12/16 to Lena Yafuso)

“Merry Christmas & Happy New Year”

January 12: “2013 & what it brings for you!” by Alice Inoue

January 20: Newsletter Deadline for February issue. Send to [glorakelly3@gmail.com](mailto:glorakelly3@gmail.com)

**2012-2013 ABWA Annual Theme**

Let this year’s annual theme—Together We Can, Together We Will—serve as a reminder of ABWA’s mission: to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.

As women, we need a strong and vital community of ABWA members like you—so we stay strong together. Members who are committed to learning, mentoring, and growing our ABWA community. It may be a cliché to say, “there is strength in numbers,” but clichés often hold great truths. Commit to growing ABWA and use the annual theme as your mantra. We can—and we will—grow stronger together!

*2012-2013 Team Vision Statement: Na Kilohana ‘O Wahine is a thriving garden with seeds planted in recognition of the diversity of our members’ unique talents and abilities. We will grow and blossom through mentoring and supporting each other.*

## ABWA's Proud Code of Conduct

1. All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women's Association.
2. Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA's mission.
3. Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.
4. Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.
5. Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.
6. Members will strive for excellence in their professions by maintaining and enhancing their own business knowledge and skills, and by encouraging the professional development of other members.

<p><u>2012-2013 Committee Chairs</u></p> <p>Publicity &amp; Program: Executive Board          Professional Development: Chas Shinno &amp; Brandon Toro          Hospitality: Lena Yafuso &amp; Donna Miyashiro          Membership: Anastasia Keller-Collins          Newsletter: Gloria Kelly          Fundraising: Roeana Alexander &amp; Leilani Alcover          Community Service: Claire Arakawa &amp; Gerri Migita          Scholarship: Executive Board</p>	<p>Patti Ann Hokama Chapter President</p> <p>Gloria Kelly, Editor Na Kilohana 'O Wahine 10428 Britton Hill Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89129</p> <p>Phone: 702-505-7485 gloriakelly3@gmail.com</p>	<p><i>A Chapter of the American Women's Business Association</i></p> 
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