

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

Honolulu, Hawaii

*A Chapter of the  
American Business  
Women's Association  
Chapter No. 6289*



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**BE, DREAM, LOVE, THRIVE...ALWAYS!**  
Celebrating ABWA Sisterhood

Joint Chapter presents:

**Saturday, September 15, 2012**

**10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Pacific Beach Hotel, Makai Ballroom**

**\$26 pp with \$5 validated self-park or \$9 valet**

**Keynote Speaker**, Gwen Fujie, will present a motivational and transforming message as we celebrate our past and look to the future. She has recently returned from living in Japan for the past two and a half years. Gwen says she is more fueled and inspired from her experience of life on an American military base and as an American woman living, loving, learning and thriving, in Japan. A life dream come true.

**ABWA Proclamation & Photo-Op with Mayor Peter Carlisle**

**City Hall**

**September 5, 2012**

**(Arrive 8:45 am for photo session at 9:00 am)**



**Gwen Fujie**



**Vocational Speaker**, Anastasia Keller-Collins  
Na Kilohana 'O Wahine Chapter  
Board Certified Behavioral Analyst (BCBA)

**NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

**October 10 – 13, 2012**

**Memphis, Tennessee**

**The Fall Membership Recruitment Campaign "Perfect Fit"**

Beginning September 1 through November 1, 2012. Any ABWA member will tell you that a big part of our Association is the community that you have helped create—what better resource could a professional woman today have than a cross-country network of like-minded women? ABWA is the **PerfectFit!** Make a commitment today to connect someone you know with ABWA.

**"Together we Can, Together We Will"**  
Women need a strong and vital community like ABWA—so we all stay strong together. This Fall during ABWA's PerfectFit Game, you'll unlock badges for every new member you connect with ABWA. Login to WIN to share a recruiting story and inspire your ABWA community with your achievement. Details of this campaign will be presented by your Enrollment Event Co-chairs.

*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:



Dear Na Kilohana 'O Wahine members:

We definitely had a productive start of the year! Just like in our Executive Board meetings, there was lots of sharing and participation by the membership including completing our SPOT Analysis which the officers will review and summarize for application. It was also quite exciting to see what our gold coins could earn as more ABWA participation on WIN, attendance at the meetings, completion of the surveys, leadership participation along with committee sign ups and your willingness to share with all of us your passions! Who is going to get one of the pretty clocks? Hint for earning more coins – complete your WIN modules and print out your transcript for the next meeting.

Special thanks to Treasurer Lee Ann Matsuda for sharing the basics of setting up a budget and then the presentation of our chapter budget for the upcoming year full of member education benefits besides the Impact and SBMEF contributions!

September starts our members sharing their passion talks: Come hear Claire Arakawa “Importance of Mentoring Youth/Young Adults, Lena Yafuso “Adventures in Animal Communication” and T. Haunani Yano-Medeiros “Tortoise.” See you on the 12<sup>th</sup> and also for those of you signed up for the State Joint Chapter Event on the 15<sup>th</sup> – Wear your special hat in celebration of ABWA sisterhood and we are honored to hear from our former member, Gwen Fujie as the key note speaker “Be, Dream, Love Thrive...Always” and our vocational speaker Anastasia Keller-Collins “Autism.”

Check out the photos and latest Chapter documents on WIN. Need a new password to login – let us know. Also, set up your zoji.com account for easy access anywhere to r.s.v.p. to our events.

Bring more guests to the meetings – earn a chance to earn your WIN reimbursement and get your cute flexible flower bloomer as demonstrated by VP. T. Haunani Yano-Medeiros! Congrats to Iris Yafuso for sharing ABWA with our newest member Marie Espiritu who both received the blooming flower as we grow our Na Kilohana garden!

Reminder: Be sure to log in to WIN and complete the National Membership survey – it will be de-activated on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and we need to get the minimum of 10 for Best Practices!

Keep Smiling!

Patti Ann Hokama, President

## New Members....with exciting news!



**Marie Espiritu** Employed by Bank of Hawaii since 2002. She has also been a mortgage loan specialist with Bank of Hawaii's since 2010. Marie Espiritu is a graduate of Lahainaluna High School, in Lahaina, Maui, and received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Hawaii-Manoa. She serves as secretary for her Toastmasters Chapter for 2008-2009. (Sponsored by Iris Yafuso)



**Lanae Santos** (featured in the July 2012 issue). Lanae and her cousin attended the Olympics in London for ten days then continued on to Washington D.C before returning home. I'm sure she will share her exciting story to everyone. She joined Na Kilohana 'O Wahine to get involved in the community and to meet other business women. (Sponsored by Iris Yafuso)

## 43 YEARS WITH ABWA – Nancy Walter

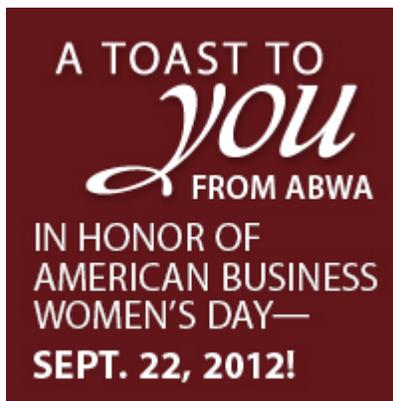
We all know Nancy Walter who seems to have been around forever! It turns out that she joined ABWA just a month before her marriage to David Walter. She was sponsored by Past National President, Marj Davis of Los Angeles. Here are some of Nancy's memories.

"That first membership event was a formal tea complete with white gloves & silver service, the kind of event that was by invitation only. Marj knew me as a young entrepreneur starting a business. L.A. chapter sponsored a District meeting with several hundred women attending. I was active in this chapter for 10 years prior to our move to Honolulu.

I met Lisa Leong, of Creative Holidays, who asked me to come to Na Kilohana O Wahine meeting, telling me it was the 'youngest & most vibrant' chapter in Honolulu. I always look forward to attending the meetings. I learn so much from our excellent speakers, and also sharing what others are doing in their careers during Vocational speeches.

I've held most every chair and am past Co-President with Patt Sornsin. During my 30+years here, I have even been honored to be the Vocational Speaker at the Joint Chapters meeting. I have transitioned from the travel industry which I loved for 30 years, but changing so drastically, to become a stock broker with Charles Schwab, from which I retired after 12 years. As a retiree, I still enjoy being around active career women who are doing the business of Hawaii in America. Na Kilohana O'Wahine is my chapter!

Many Regional & National conventions I have attended over years, and I always look forward to seeing those friends who also attend from all over the country. What a great networking system has been developed, almost by accident, at least before the term 'networking' was invented. ABWA continues to evolve."



### ABWA Anniversaries:

Myrtle Ching-Rappa – 33 years joined September, 1979  
 Sharon Ito-Matsuo – 33 years joined September, 1979  
 Patt Sornsin – 27 years joined September, 1985



### Birthdays

**August** – Brandon Toro (2nd)  
 Iris Yafuso (6th)  
 Akiko Ogawa (10th)  
 Anna Sislyan (20th)  
 Lauren Horikoshi (30th)

**September** – Leilani Alcover (6th)  
 Lynn Fujiwara-Chun (21st)  
 Gloria Kelly (22nd)  
 Eliza Kim (29th)



A TOAST TO  
*you*  
 IN HONOR OF AMERICAN  
 BUSINESS WOMEN'S DAY—  
**SEPT. 22, 2012!**

*The American Business Women's Association was founded on September 22, 1949. One of the most historic events affecting ABWA was the proclamation of Sept. 22 as American Business Women's Day. Enacted in 1983 by a joint Congressional resolution and the signature of then-President Ronald Reagan, the proclamation recognized all working women. In recognition of ABW Day, we propose a toast to working women everywhere—*

***to our past, present, and future success!***



Introducing your 2012-13 Executive Board - L-R: Akiko Ogawa (Co-Secretary), Myrtle Ching-Rappa (Co-Secretary), Yvonne Ako (Co-VP), Haunani Yano-Medeiros (Co-VP), Leeann Matsuda (Treasurer), and Patti Ann Hokama (President)

**2012 WOMEN OF THE YEAR/TOP TEN CELEBRATION  
“A Cup of Tea” Bingo Party – Kailua on July 7<sup>th</sup> hosted by  
Myrtle Ching-Rappa and T. Haunani Yano-Medeiros**



TOP TEN NOMINEE – Patti Ann Hokama / WOTY – Donna Miyashiro

### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

September 12: Monthly Meeting at Japanese Cultural Center with the following members.

Claire Arakawa - "Importance of Mentoring Youth/Young Adults"  
Lena Yafuso – "Living a Spiritual Life"  
T. Haunani Yano-Medeiros – "Tortoise"

September 15: State Joint Chapter at the Pacific Beach Hotel

Keynote Speaker – Gwen Fujie  
Vocational Speaker – Anastasia Keller-Collins

September 22: "American Business Women's Day"

October 10: Monthly Meeting  
October 20: Newsletter deadline for November issue.

### 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.

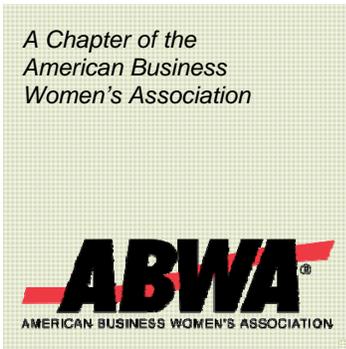
### 2012-2013 Committee Chairs

Publicity & Program: EB  
 Professional Development: Chas Shinno & Brandon Toro  
 Hospitality: Lena Yafuso & Donna Miyashiro  
 Membership: Anastasia Keller-Collins  
 Newsletter: Gloria Kelly  
 Fundraising: Roeana Alexander & Leilani Alcover  
 Community Service: Claire Arakawa & Gerri Migita  
 Scholarship: EB

Patti Ann Hokama  
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**Memo to Members:**

**Chapter Dues are due \$36.00**

**Chapter Updates: login in to WIN Public Website: [abwahawaii.org](http://abwahawaii.org)**

**Fundraising Events: Entertainment Books \$30.00, Subway Sandwich Promo \$10.00, Festival of Giving \$10.00, Upcoming Garage Sales (mark your calendars: 11/17<sup>th</sup> and 3/16<sup>th</sup>)**

**Scattering Seeds of Kindness: Be sure to invite your guests to hear our members share their passions throughout the year! Share your support and encouragement to help us grow!**

**Best Practices Tracking to Date: Members (30/50), Member Survey, SPOT Analysis, Vision Statement, EB BP module, Business Plan & Budget, Officers, Committee Chairs, Standing Rules & Proud Code of Conduct, Newsletters (1/6), Professional Dev. Programs (0/9), SBMEF(TBD), Tax return (TBD), Good Standing, Admin Fee, WOY (TBD), Top 10 (TBD), Conference Members Sponsored (0/6), Info on WIN.**