

Na Kilohana 'O Wahine The Superior of Women

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American Business
Women's Association
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ABWA Community Service Project

Members of NKOW chapter honoring Peter Rappa – "Earth Day", a community service project to clean up Hanauma Bay on April 20, 2013. Members and friends made it a successful and fun-filled day.

Prospective friends were also invited and be part of our Spring Enrollment event at the Hanauma Bay clean up.

The event ended with a potluck BBQ lunch and refreshments donated by attendees.



Myrtle Ching-Rappa



Ladies & friends with their "pink" gloves

WIN With ABWA

ABWA is the only professional development organization for women offering access to a cross-country network of like-minded women and an exclusive online learning tool, the Women's Instructional Network (WIN). WIN provides ABWA members with the tools they need to connect, learn, and grow. Login and try it out for a week! Many of our welcoming members will be there to greet you!



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.

President's Message



Na Kilohana 'O Wahine members:

We welcome more techie training! So proud of our youngins' presentations on WIN by Akiko, Weebly & Evite by Haunani, Dropbox by Chris – and the handouts were impressive, too! We did a great job at our Spring Enrollment/Community Service Project in honor of Peter Rappa at Hanauma Bay. The weather was beautiful and we beat those overgrown weeds – they thought we wouldn't fill a bag but we did an awesome job getting to those roots and had over a half dozen stuffed bags! Following our hard sweaty work, we relaxed with a picnic! Grillers Gwen and Brandon "Bu" fired up a ton of hot dogs and BBQ burgers which complimented the home made macaroni salad (Myrtle), pasta salad (Donna) and salsa (Claire) – all so ono besides all the fruits and veggies galore!

Congratulations for Haunani Yano-Medeiros – our Woman of the Year 2013! Well deserved as our President-in-training! Also, special recognition to Yvonne Ako for your Top Ten Nominee 2013! We will be celebrating by playing Bingo again on June 8th at the Cup of Tea in Kailua – join us in honoring our chosen ones! Who will beat Chas in winning prizes this time??

We will hear from Dr. Eliza Kim and Lanae Santos at our May meeting. It is my understanding that the nominating committee was hard at work and came out with slate – be ready to vote! We also have some highlights of plans for the upcoming Chapter year to encourage more youngins since it was brainstormed by some of our youngins! Most of the members have been given some insight and positive exciting comments have been received. It will be the year to have fun, learn, and grow!

Keep Smiling!
Patti Ann Hokama, President

Upcoming Events and Celebrations....

Wednesday, May 8, 2013 – 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
JCCH – 2454 Beretania Street, Honolulu, HI

Program: Dr. Eliza Kim will speak on "Healing and Parenting" and Lanae Santos will share her travels with the group.

Cost: \$26.00 Members
\$29.00 Non-Members (Please pay through [PayPal](#) at our Website: www.abwahawaii.org) / Validated Parking: \$5.00

RSVP: Sunday, May 5, 2013 by responding to EVITE or call Lena Yafuso at 228-0147

ABWA ANNIVERSARIES ...
Iris Yafuso – 32 years
Cordie Fukuhara – 22 years
Eliza Kim – 5 years

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
May 11 - Claire Arakawa

Meet Your New Members...



Karen Chang Barr (with grandchild, Olivia)
Sponsored by Myrtle Ching-Rappa

Karen Chang Barr grew up in Niu Valley and has lived in Olympia, WA, for 22 years. Karen is married (Bill), and have 4 adult children (Kayla, Keenan, Clinton, & Tiare) and a beautiful grandchild. She was a stay home mom for 10 years and currently lives on Wilhemina Rise.

After working as an Executive Assistant, Karen started her consulting services business, Naupaka Professional Services LLC, to provide client relations assistance, event assistance, and administrative project management assistance to growing small and medium-sized businesses who are overwhelmed with running a growing business.

She graduated from Washington State University with a Bachelor's after going to school online for 10 years. Among her hobbies, she makes jewelry, knits, sew, and really enjoy cooking good food. Her 88 year old mother still lives in the house she grew up in and still drives!

"I joined ABWA because I attended the business seminar with Susan Yamada, ofPACE, and was interested in joining a group of business women and wanted networking opportunities. I liked the idea of meeting with a bunch of business women professionals who are dedicated to supporting and helping each other with personal and professional development.

I have a love and passion for people, and enjoy building bridges between differing groups through common interests and ideas"



Lorraine Taki (Sponsored by Lee Ann Matsuda)

(Bologna in front of a statue of Giuseppe Garibaldi, the Italian George Washington)

Lorraine Taki is vice president of Intco Investments Co., a privately-held commercial real estate investment firm. She also serves as principal broker for Intco Realty, Inc.

An admitted dilettante, Lorraine is curious about many things. She satisfies her inquisitive nature by traveling to various locales around the world with family and friends or immersed in the world of books. She has volunteered as a caregiver for Hospice Hawaii and served on the planning committee for the Friends of Italy Society in Hawaii. In addition, she is a member of the Honolulu Board of Realtors, International Council of Shopping Centers, a board member of Maryknoll Schools and is a vice president of the Ernest H. Hui Family Foundation.

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.

Patti Ann Hokama
Chapter President

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Best Practice Scorecard (as of April 2013)

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	X
Top Ten Business Woman Nominee* exception	X
SBMEF contribution	X
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)	8
25% of Operating Budget - Program	X
Sponsor Conferences (3-6)	TBD
One Attendee for National 2013	X
Newsletters (6)	5
Category on WIN: Newsletters	X
Uploaded Newsletters to WIN	X