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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.

June Topic: The Art of Small Talk

Yvonne Ako is a mortgage industry veteran with over 30 years of experience and Vice President/Residential Loan Manager with American Savings Bank. We welcome Yvonne as our in-coming Co-VP and June’s guest speaker. So many jobs today require extensive networking skills and learning about the "art of small talk," can have lasting benefits. Such as, a polite way before more serious conversations begin, defusing unpleasant situations, and team building to name a few. And we are very fortunate to have Yvonne in our chapter and thanking her too for her dedication to Na Kilohana O Wahine.
President Message

Aloha Kakou! (Greetings to all)

Were you at our meeting in May? Did you catch the ENERGY? Now it’s TIME to release the POTENTIAL!!

Many Thanks to Myrtle Ching-Rappa for her fabulous presentation on FISH! There’s a lot of excitement brewing as we start to wind down this year and get ready for an exhilarating new year! What a great reminder to play and have fun to get those creative juices flowing. And we all know that we can choose our attitude, so why not choose to be positive? The simple acts of being present and making someone’s day will go a long way in making ABWA a great place to be!

Ho’omaika’i (Congratulations) to our incoming Exec Board. (Myrtle, Yvonne, Naomi, Mary, Daun, LeiLani & Anna Marie) With Myrtle at the helm, she’s sure to bring all those great FISH ideas to the table. I applaud our newer members who are willing to jump right in and take on leadership roles and I sincerely thank our seasoned members for taking on the role of mentor. Our Na Kilohana ‘O Wahine chapter has so much to offer in the way of learning experiences and support for all women.

Whew! Busy indeed. (Is it time for summer vaca yet?) By the look of things, we’re still going full steam ahead! Let’s keep on going and end our year with a bang… and then we’ll be ready for another banner year!

June will be a very busy month for us! Yvonne Ako, our incoming Co-VP, will offer us ideas on the art of small talk at our next monthly meeting on June 8th. We will also be welcoming our newest members, Jinnah Nakatani & Priscila Leal, our Impact Scholarship recipient, and installing our new Exec Board. Don’t forget our Book Club. We’ll be meeting on Thursday 6/9 to discuss Blink by Malcolm Gladwell. Then join us at Myrtle’s place for our Member Ed event on Saturday, June 11th at 1pm to learn about Irritating Relationships from Alice Inoue. The new Exec Board and Committee Chairs will stay for an initial Transition/Board meeting. The following Saturday, 6/18, we have our Woman of the Year/Top Ten Celebration at Assaggio’s Ala Moana at 11:00am. And, as we all know, June is our birthday… so Hau‘oli la Hanau to NKOW on June 24th. Happy 39th birthday to us!! But wait… that’s not it… our last garage sale for this fiscal year is on June 25th at Myrtle’s House. Start saving and pricing your things. Drop off your sale items ahead of time and come join us on our birthday as we set-up. So come on everybody, please plan on joining us for a wonderfully active month.

Malama Pono (Take Care)

Claire

Congratulations Sonyei and Patti!

Woman of the Year/Top Ten Celebration

Ingredients:
Sonyei Higirida our Woman of the Year
Patti Ann Hakama our Top Ten Nominee
Na Kilohana ‘O Wahine Members
Lots of Love & Aloha

Directions:
1. Mark your calendar to be at Assaggio’s Ala Moana on 6/18/16 11:00am
2. RSVP to the Exooter with your Entree & Dessert selection
3. Select one entree – see Exooter for details
4. Select either Vanilla or Chocolate Gelato
5. Members pay $32, Guests pay $37
6. Celebrate, Have fun and pay tribute to our honorees!
ABWA’s Proud Code of Conduct

All members will serve as goodwill ambassadors for the American Business Women’s Association.

Members will not allow their personal beliefs and convictions to interfere with the representation of ABWA’s mission.

Members will always treat their member colleagues, guests, vendors and sponsors with honesty, respect, fairness, integrity, responsibility, kindness, and in good faith.

Members will maintain compliance with ABWA National, Chapter and Express Network Bylaws.

Members will not use their personal power to advance their personal interests.

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.

Book Club

Our next Book Club will meet 6pm July 14th @ Starbucks on Ward Ave, next to Wahoo Taco.

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The Power of Thinking Without Thinking
Malcolm Gladwell
Next Meeting

June 8th, 2016
American Financial Services Center
1215 Hunakai Street

Speaker: Yvonne Ako
The Art of Small Talk

5:30 p.m. - Networking, Dinner starts at 6:00

Menu: Hot meal, drinks   Cost: $15.00
Non Members: $20.00
FREE Parking
RSVP: By Sunday, June 5th via Evite or call Yvonne 284-8550
Please note that any cancellations received after 6-5-16 will be subject to no-show fee of $15 for members & $20 for non-members
Raffles: N-Z

2016 Calendar

♦ June
♦ 8th - Monthly Meeting (Guest Speaker Yvonne Ako and Installation of Officers.)
♦ 11th- 1p.m. Members Ed Myrtle’s House (Irritating Relationships)
♦ 14th - Exec Board Mtg
♦ 18th - WOY/Top Ten Celebration Assagios, 11-1
♦ 25th– Garage Sale/Fundraiser Hawaii Kai

♦ July
♦ 9th - Rock n Roll Night/Fundraiser
♦ 13th - Monthly Meeting
♦ Perfect Attendance, Audit Committee Selection & Protégé Award?
♦ 31st - Newsletter Deadline & Best Practices Due

2016-17
Executive Board installation of Officers
June 8th

President – Myrtle Ching-Rappa
Co-Vice Presidents – Yvonne Ako & Naomi Kwok
Co-Secretaries – Mary Li and Daun Watanabe
Co-Treasurers – Leilani Alcover and Anna Marie Tom

Member Ed Event
On June 11th, we will be presenting, another Alice Inoue on-line course, “Irritating Relations Clarity 101”.

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Best Practices  Level III

Scoreboard

Done

New Member 2015-2106
Slate of Officers & Chairs Submitted
Officers Elected
Liability Insurance Payment
IRS 990N filed 12/15/2015
Member Interest Survey (10 min)
GAP Analysis
Vision Statement on WIN
Business Plan
Budget (Proposed)
Create 2015-2016 Annual Business Plan-folder in WIN library
Upload Business Plan, Budget
Standing Rules (Proposed)
Notice in Newsletter that Standing rules adopted
Create 2015-2016 Standing Rules folder in Win library
Upload Adopted Standing Rules
Create 2015-2016 Newsletter folder in WIN library
Maintain Compliance with ABWA’s brand Fundraising event
Chapter Brochure Website with National Requirements
Facebook Page with National Requirements
Chapter Woman/Man of the Year Elected
Top Ten Nominated Elected
Professional Development Programs(9-45 min) 9
National requirement for Newsletter

To be Done

Officers & Chairs dues current at July 31, 2016
Copy of Tax return in binder
Awardee Acceptance at 2016 National Conference
Awards Binder Completed and Sent by July 31

In Progress

Primary members (30) 30
Upload Current Newsletters 11
Sponsor 3 members to regional/national 2

The Na Kilohana ‘O Wahine 2015-16 Vision Statement

“Na Kilohana ‘O Wahine is a premiere group of uniquely talented & diverse individuals working together to support one another in personal and professional growth united in friendship. We aspire to empower women in our community to THRIVE through education, mentoring, skills & resource building.”