



Ka Lono Kilohana

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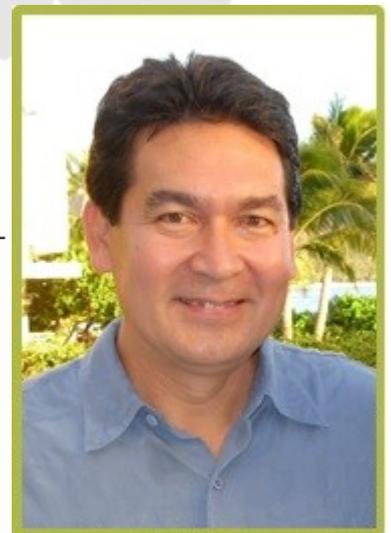
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The mission of the American Business Women's Association is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education,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

February Guest Speaker: Paul Brewbaker, Economist Extraordinaire

Paul Brewbaker, leader of TZ Economics (Tropical Zone Economics), is a frequent feature speaker for Na Kilohana `O Wahine, thanks to Vice President, Yvonne Ako. Mr. Brewbaker is a premier economist on various aspects of Hawaii's economy. He was recently featured on Hawaii News Now's Sunrise, (<http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/clip/11425428/economist-paul-brewbaker-of-tz-economics>). He spoke about the factors that drive tourism in Hawai'i.



Brewbaker was formerly the Senior Vice President and Chief Economist at Bank of Hawaii and lecturer at the University of Hawai'i. He has a talent for "dumbing down" economics so that everyday citizens can understand how it affects them. The last time Mr. Brewbaker spoke to our group he advised us to "buy anything Korean."

Come to the February meeting to find out what sage advice Mr. Brewbaker has for us now.

President's Message

Myrtle Ching-Rappa



Kung Hee Fat Choy!

By the time you receive this, we will be into the lunar new year. I would like to share with you some of the traditions in terms of things we eat during New Year (which lasts for 4 days). Chinese are very much rooted in traditions and symbolism; especially around special occasions and New Year's is especially important. One of the main symbolic practices relate to food eaten at New Year's. Chinese believes what you do for New Year will be what you do for the rest of the year. There are 7 "lucky foods" eaten during Chinese New Year's. Here is a list along with what they symbolize:

Fish – an increase in prosperity

Dumplings – wealth

Spring rolls – wealth

Tangyuan (Sweet rice balls) – Family togetherness

Oranges/Tangerines/Pomelo – fullness and wealth

Nian gow (Gau) – higher income or more prestigious position

Noodles – longevity and happiness (should not be cut; the longer the better)

See a theme? Long life, family and wealth are the predominant wishes for New Year. Notice anything missing? No Jai (Monk's food) which is a local tradition not practiced in most Chinese families elsewhere. That being said, I will make some for our February meeting along with some nian gow (known locally as gau), to symbolize a melding of local and tradition Chinese practices.

While Paul Brewbaker will talk about the future of Hawaii's economy, we will try to influence our own economic future symbolically.

Myrtle

Source: <http://www.chinahighlights.com/travelguide/chinese-food/chinese-new-year-food.htm>

P.S. A few reminders for the February meeting:

- Our volunteers for the evening:
 - ◊ Patti will lead an ice breaker;
 - ◊ Anna Marie will be our vocational speaker;
 - ◊ Cordie, time keeper; and
 - ◊ I will bring the favors.
- We will be voting on Woman of the Year, and Top Ten nominees. Please read the criteria (reprinted on the next page) and come ready to nominate members for these prestigious awards. Voting will take place in March.
- Garage Sale is scheduled for February 11th. I will accept any items for sale starting on February 6th. Feel free to bring items to the meeting. If at all possible, please price your items to avoid feeling like your items have been under valued. After this garage sale, all left overs will be donated or discarded. If there are items you want returned if not sold, please indicate your desires prior to the sale.





TOP TEN/WOMAN OF THE YEAR

2018 Top Ten Business Women of ABWA Recognition

ABWA has recognized hundreds of women for the coveted Top Ten Business Women of ABWA award since its inception in 1953. This award is intended to underscore a member's professional accomplishments (career advancement and academic achievement), contributions to her community and engagement in ABWA. The Top Ten Business Women of ABWA are selected by three business women from the Kansas City area whereas the **American Business Woman of ABWA** is selected by a panel of peers at the National Women's Leadership Conference. All Top Ten Business Women of ABWA are recognized at the annual National Women's Leadership Conference.

Eligibility Requirements for Members

To be considered for this prestigious award, the member must:

- Be a female and currently employed (part or full-time).
- Have been a member in good standing for at least three consecutive years as of May 15, 2017.
- Have a primary affiliation with the sponsoring league for at least *one year* as of May 15, 2017.
- Have served on the National Board of Directors and/or on the national/regional conference team and/or served as an officer, committee chair, league advisor for her primary league since 2014.
- Have sponsored at least three members since 2014.
- Have earned at least one Apex Award as of May 15, 2017.
- Have attended at least one nationally sponsored ABWA event (Regional Conference and/or the National Women's Leadership Conference) since 2014.
- All nominees for the Top Ten Business Women of ABWA will receive a ribbon and certificate.



A long standing tradition in ABWA is to recognize a member who has made a notable contribution to the success of their Chapter or Express Network in the current and/or past Award Year. We've included a list of action items, sample criteria and a judging template as a starting point. However, each league can customize their own Woman of the Year Award and define the selection criteria to best fit their league.

Na Kilohana `O Wahine will be nominating our WOTY at the January meeting. Please come prepared to nominate a deserving member for this honor. The nominee must meeting the following criteria:

- Be a member in good standing
- Be a current or past chapter officer/committee chair
- Has made a major contribution in time or effort to the chapter
- Involvement in ABWA activities, offices or programs

Nominees will be judged on the following by fellow members (40 points max):

- ABWA Participation (15 points max)
- Formal education – accredited and continuing education (5 points max)
- Career accomplishments – career progression; and (10 points max)
- Community involvement (10 points max)

Nominations will be accepted for WOTY and Top Ten for 2017-18 at the February meeting. The election will take place in March to give the Top Ten nominee, if there is one to prepare her application for national recognition.

Members who have been previously selected as a Top Ten Business Woman of ABWA are not eligible to participate in this recognition program a second time.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February

- ◆ 8th Monthly Meeting—
Vocational Speaker, Anna Marie Tom
- ◆ **11th Garage Sale—**
◆ **Start Dropping off on February 6th**
- ◆ 15th Executive Board Meeting, ASB Ward Ave

March

- ◆ 8th Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 14th Executive Board Meeting
- ◆ 23rd-25th , 2017 Western Regional Conference—
Long Beach CA
- ◆ 30th—April 1st, 2017 Central Regional Conference—
Kansas City, MO

April

- ◆ **3rd Mentoring Monday**
- ◆ 12th Monthly Meeting, Vocational Speaker: Yvonne
- ◆ 18th Executive Board Meeting
- ◆ 20th-22nd, 2017 Eastern Regional Conference—Naples, FL
- ◆ 22nd Haunama Bay Clean-up

May

- ◆ 10th Monthly Meeting
- ◆ 16th Executive Board Meeting

June

- ◆ 14th Monthly Meeting, Vocational Speaker: Roena Alexander
- ◆ 20th Executive Board Meeting

Next Meeting: February 8, 2017

Speaker: Paul Brewbaker:
Hawaii's Economy

American Financial Services Center
Address: 1215 Hunakai St.
Dinner Cost: \$15.00
Non Members \$20.00
5:30pm—Networking

Dinner starts at 6:00pm
Free Parking

RSVP: By Sunday, February 5, 2017
Via Evite

Please note that any cancellations received after RSVP date will be subject to no-show fee equal to cost of dinner..

Raffles: M-Z

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

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