

# Ka Lono Kilohana

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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.*

## Presidents' Message

November - Happy Holidays!  
Aloha! First, sending gratitude to Karen Yonemoto, who did an excellent execution as our Fall Enrollment Chair - she even brought in five (5) guests herself! Thank you for your generous support to the Susan G. Komen Walk for a Cure last month - it was presented as a gift from our chapter. Lena informed me that our Blessing bowl sent out many blessings your way - hope you all experienced that great energy.

Moving forward to our last meeting with WIN (Women's Instructional Network) presented by our Vice-President Lee Ann Matsuda; we were also honored to have the women of the Punahale Chapter join us to hear all about it, too!

We also shared the photos on WIN, our bulletin board and during a smile box presentation as part of the report back on our adventures at the National Women's Leadership Conference -plus we got to see Gloria Kelly (Vegas member) and met up again with Stan Long's (Texas member) wife, Leona!

*President Patti Ann Hokama & VP Lee Ann Matsuda with Carolyn Bufton Elman*



We were on stage with an outstanding standing ovation as we received our Best Practices Award Level III (Nancy Walter felt like a rock star), APEX awards, and special recognition of our Team Vision Statement for the 2010-2011 Chapter year!

It was with great excitement that a new special blessing bowl honored us at our Nov. meeting! Thank you Lena Yafuso! Our new [Zoji.com](http://Zoji.com) i-vite service is serving us well and be sure to check out the exciting message from Gloria on her new venture via that service, too.

Thank you for your donations for the USO Wounded Warriors Holiday Package Event, which was delivered by Leilani Alcover and Linda Yamashiro who proudly pre-

sented that for us. We now look forward to a fun time at the Gingerbread Easter Seals Event on December 5th and then our traditional Holiday Party on the 8th! Please share your dozen or more token goodie items for our goodie bags and this year also bring your special donation for the Hawaii Foodbank. We will start the New Year 2011 with our Business Associates Night so be sure to invite your boss or associate as our Chapter guest to encourage further support to you as a member of our great ABWA team. Each member shall be allowed ONE guest hosted by our Chapter as approved in this year's budget for that event. Keep Smiling!

Patti Ann Hokama  
President

## A New Vision

The Na Kilohana O' Wahine Executive Board has adopted the following Vision Statement :

**Na Kilohana O' Wahine believes in giving back as we develop and support our women both personally and professionally and relish in how it is paid forward!**

Can You Hear Us Now?

2011 SPRING CONFERENCES SCHEDULE

The ability to listen is not an inborn trait. It takes a conscious effort to do it well. Your ABWA National Team—both ABWA National and the National Boards of Directors—have spent the last several years honing their listening skills and gathering data to support one of the most requested changes to ABWA conferences since the 1980s. We think you'll be pleased with the decision.

Since the Spring of 2007, members have asked for combined District Conferences to offer more networking opportunities and, as a bonus, larger attendance to help keep costs down—including better room rates and reasonable registration costs.

One of the biggest and best benefits of membership is getting together with friends at "regional" conferences where the atmosphere is more intimate and the schedule allows for a full day of ABWA Leadership Training along with professional development and networking opportunities. That won't change. You'll still be able to take advantage of all that and more.

The two-year plan is exploratory, allowing us to evaluate what works and what doesn't work leading into 2013. So, how will six Spring conferences in three locations look?

- Current District Vice Presidents from the two districts will be featured at each conference.
- You will hear from the candidates for District Vice President from *both* districts.
- Newsletters will be entered and judged separately at the Regional Conference in their respective districts. There will still be five winners from each district.
- District snapshots will still be presented and you will receive your district's handout.

Thanks to all who shared their suggestions about how to make a good thing better.

*We look forward to seeing you in the Spring!*



➔ **2011 Eastern Regional Conference**

Dist I and IV • Atlanta, GA • March 18-19  
Westin Atlanta North at Perimeter

➔ **2011 Central Regional Conference**

Dist III and V • St. Louis, MO • April 1-2  
Hyatt Regency St. Louis at the Arch

➔ **2011 Western Regional Conference**

Dist II and VI • Santa Fe, NM April 29-30  
Hilton Santa Fe Historic Plaza

**SAVE THE DATE !**

WHAT BETTER WAY TO CELEBRATE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S DAY AND THE 62ND ANNIVERSARY OF ABWA'S FOUNDING!



**NATIONAL WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
SEPTEMBER 22-24, 2011  
IRVING, TEXAS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*Hope to see y'all in Texas!*

## NOVEMBER 10, 2010 Welcome Punahale!

Na Kilohana O' Wahine was privileged to welcome the members of Punahale Chapter to join us at our November dinner meeting. Punahale President Haunani Abdul and 11 members were excited to learn about ABWA's online WIN network from NKOw VP Lee Ann Matsuda.



## WIN with WIN

Vice-President and Lee Ann Matsuda gave a comprehensive presentation of Women's Instructional



ABWA Ambassador gave a comprehensive presentation of ABWA's online Network — WIN !

WIN is:

- ABWA's exclusive tool for national information exchange, chapter teams & membership development
- Available 24/7 online on a secure network
- A tool for self-paced learning and business skills
- Customized for every chapter and for YOU!
- Archive chapter documents; post member messages
- A complete, interactive, online ABWA community

# Our Annual Holiday Party



Bring family & friends on Wednesday December 8, 2010  
5:00 - 9:00pm  
Japanese Cultural Center



- ☆ Special Holiday Prime Rib buffet—\$26 per person
- ☆ Holiday Attire is encouraged ~ let's dress up and sparkle!
- ☆ Guests are most welcome ~ family , friends and NKOw alumni
- ☆ GAMES & PRIZES galore !
- ☆ RSVP for a vendor table to Donna Miyashiro by Dec. 3rd.
- ☆ Vendor Tables available (non-member vendors = \$5/table;
- ☆ Chapter vendors are FREE
- ☆ Vendor set-up 4:30
- ☆ Shopping begins at 5:00pm!

*for all who wish to participate in our gift exchange . . . .*

- ☆ Bring 12 items (or more) for the GOODIE exchange
- ☆ In lieu of a grab-bag gift, this year we solicit donations of non-perishable food items or cash donations to the Hawaii Foodbank. Bring your donations!



**Bring your boss on Jan 12th ... Business guests are FREE !**

To support our women both personally and professionally , the Executive Board is pleased to pay for the dinner of one business guest per member

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**January 12, 2011**  
**BUSINESS ASSOCIATES NIGHT**  
 Special Presentation by  
**Sherri Okinaga**  
 "21st Century Leadership"



Our New Year will kick off on Wednesday, January 12 with a BANG! Plan now to attend our Annual Business Associates Night. The Executive Board has engaged one of our favorite alumni for a very special presentation. Sherri Okinaga has presented talks, workshops and seminars to Na Kilohana o Wahine for many years. Her high-energy and persuasive style will keep you laughing, thinking, puzzling, and bring revelations to all. She blends her unique experiences from the private and non-profit sectors and academia to help organizations achieve targeted results. Sherri is skilled at building collaborative partnerships with a focus on translating vision into action and measurable outcomes. Sherri never disappoints! BE SURE TO BRING YOUR BOSS OR A BUSINESS ASSOCIATE! ~the Business Associates Committee.



Presented by  
 The Harry & Jeannette Weinberg  
 Foundation, Inc.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!**

**December 4 & 5**

Easter Seals Hawaii Gingerbread Festival

Help is needed on Friday 12/4 (the night before the event) to set-up AND for the event on Sunday 12/5 (morning or afternoon shifts). Tasks range from bagging kits, decorating, registering attendees, passing out kits, and cleaning up when the sessions are over. Lunch provided for all volunteers during each shift. Sign up at: [hawaii.easterseals.com](http://hawaii.easterseals.com) ~contact Lee Ann Matsuda, Easter Seals Hawaii

### A Season for Giving Thanks

Everybody looks forward to the Thanksgiving feast—the turkey, the pies, and the family celebration. However, Thanksgiving is incomplete without a moment of reflection. Spare a moment, and say a tiny prayer of gratitude for life's little blessings. For, it is these little blessings that enrich our life.

#### Thanksgiving Toast Etiquette

Apply the lessons in etiquette offered so graciously by October's guest speaker PAM CHAMBERS. A toast is generally given when the entire group of family and friends are present. Before or during the Thanksgiving dinner, everyone raises a glass to the host and hostess in gratitude and thanks. Being asked at the last minute to make the toast could make the toaster feel a bit uneasy, so here are some suggestions to help you feel more confident in case you're asked to give the Thanksgiving toast:

- ◇ "Nothing is more honorable than a grateful heart." - Seneca
- ◇ "The very fact that a man (*person*) is thankful implies someone to be "thankful to." - John Baillie
- ◇ "Be thankful for what you have, you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough." - Oprah Winfrey
- ◇ "Thanksgiving dinners take eighteen hours to prepare. They are consumed in twelve minutes. Half-times take twelve minutes. This is not coincidence." - Erma Bombeck

Wishing you and yours a most Happy Thanksgiving! ~ editor

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Chair Patti Ann Hokama lights the candle to guide the way for our newest student member Akiko Ogawa



**COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

November 13 Wounded Warriors Holiday Package

Vendy, Linda, and Leilani joined comedian Frank DeLima at the Windward Mall to collect for the Wounded Warriors project. It was a very successful day, as Na Kilohana O'Wahine



donations and volunteers contributed to the \$1500 from Sam's Club, \$900 cash donations from the shoppers, \$800 in gift cards and about \$3000 in donations of goods. All gift donations will be distributed to wounded service members and their families at the USO on Thanksgiving Day.

**FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

Aloha Members:



Thank you all for your fundraising efforts to sell the 2011 Entertainment Books and the "Festival of Giving" tickets!

- Please remember to turn in all fundraising monies you've received to Yvonne by the end of the month.
- Last Call: If you have unsold Entertainment books, please bring them to the meeting and we will try to help you sell them.
- Appreciate everyone who participated in the Festival of Giving Fundraiser and hope those who bought for themselves enjoyed the weekend of holiday shopping & eating! We sold a total of 53 tickets for a total profit of \$530.00! As an added benefit, your tickets are valid for MORE offers on November 16, 23 & 30 at the Ward Centers "Specialty" Farmers Market!

Congratulations & thank you!  
*Yvonne Ako*

**FALL ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE EVENT**

Guest Speaker PAM CHAMBERS taught us the hilarious rules (and consequences) of "Etiquette, Tips on Attire, and Business Women's Protocol" in the 21st century.



*Thanks Pam for a wonderful evening!*





Best Practices Award Goals for 2011 Na Kilohana O'Wahine Chapter!!!

### 2011 Chapter Requirements:

League in good standing **O.K.!**

New slate of officers in good standing by 6/30 **O.K.!**

Chapter Vision Stmt **Done!**

Member Interest Survey and Results **O.K.!**

Chapter Business Plan **O.K.!**

Chapter Budget **O.K.!**

SBMEF contribution **O.K.!**

Professional Speakers (9) -45 min. documented programs...**6 to go.**

Adopt standing rules to include Code of Conduct in each newsletter..**O.K.**

6 (min) newsletters...**3 to go**

Minimum Standard of Achievement  
• 30 Award Level III (**done!**)  
• 40 Award Level II Banner  
• 50 Award Level I Star  
**34 members now**

Sponsor conference attendees  
Min: 3 Level III; Min: 4 Level II  
Min: 6 Level I  
...**District Conferences (1)**  
**National Conf (1) + (4)**

In IRS compliance! **O.K.**

Paid Insurance fee...**will do**

Submit Best Practice Binder to National by 7/31... **will do.**



### CONGRATULATIONS MEMBERS!

Na Kilohana O'Wahine Chapter was recognized *thrice* at the 2010 National Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee:

1. Recipient of the Level III Best Practices Award !
2. National recognition for our Chapter Vision Statement !!
3. Our studious members who achieved APEX Awards !!!

Congratulations to our Executive Boards of 2009 & 2010 and the seven members who represented Na Kilohana O'Wahine in Chattanooga!



*Way to go team!*



*Our Chapter Emblem is an original Hawaiian interpretation of ABWA's traditional flower ~ the white carnation.*

# A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

**Na Kilohana O'Wahine Chapter**

**"The Superior of Women"**

**Founded 1977**



**We're on the web!**  
[www.abwahawaii.org](http://www.abwahawaii.org)

## 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.

## 2010-2011 Executive Board and Committee Chairs

### Executive Board

- ✓ President: **Patti Ann Hokama**
- ✓ Vice-President: **Lee Ann Matsuda**
- ✓ Secretary: **Iris Yafuso**
- ✓ Treasurer: **Claire Arakawa**

### Committee Chairs

Audit:	tba
Business Assoc:	Exec Board
Community Service:	Linda Yamashiro
Enrollment Events:	Karen Yonemoto & Nancy Walter
Forever 10:	Myrtle Ching-Rappa
Fundraising:	Yvonne Ako
Hospitality:	Donna Miyashiro
Int'l Night:	Nancy Walter
Member Education:	Chassidy Shinno
Membership:	Roeana Alexander & Vandy Goroza
Newsletter:	Lynn Miller
Prof. Development:	Chassidy Shinno
Programs:	Karen Yonemoto & Sharon Ito-Matsuo
Progressive Dinner:	Sharon Ito-Matsuo
Protégé Leader:	Lelani Alcover
Publicity:	Exec Board
Scholarship:	Lee Ann Matusda & Akiko Ogawa
Technology :	Lena Yafuso
Website:	Exec Board



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