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President's Message

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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 – Valentine's Day Warmth...

We certainly started the New Year off with a bang! Sherri Okinaga did an excellent presentation which she also customized for ABWA, too! It was awesome and she expressed a special energy that comes through from our group!

The many blessings must be helping us out - thank you Lena! So now that we have a better sense of meeting our new challenges - get ready to face it all - in the right attire! Jean Gerstenberger will be presenting us with "Dressing for Success" along with a mini fashion show with our participating member models! How cool is that? Be ready when you get the call to be a part of it all!

Time is quickly approaching for our March 12th garage sale—our biggest fundraiser planned for the year - get your closets cleared out. . .

Be sure to sign on to the recent survey on our next member ed event "Air Traffic Control Tower²"- wow, what an opportunity - thank you Chas and Dawn! Also, Progressive Dinner Plans are being set for March 19th - Chair Sharon Ito-Matsuo will be keeping us posted. . .

*Keep Smiling!
Patti Ann Hokama
President*

Best Practices Tracking Update

- 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 **O.K.!**
- Chapter Business Plan **O.K.!**
- Chapter Budget **O.K.!**
- SBMEF contribution **O.K.!**
- Professional Speakers (9) programs... **4 to go.**
- Adopt standing rules with Code of Conduct in each newsletter..**O.K.**
- 6 (min) newsletters...**3 to go**
- Standard of Achievement
 - 30 Award Level III (**done!**)
- Sponsor conference attendees
 - ...**District Conferences (1)**
 - National Conf (1) + (4)**
- In IRS compliance! **O.K.**
- Paid Insurance fee...**O.K.**
- Submit Best Practice Binder by 7/31... **will do.**

Na Kilohana O' Wahine Vision 2010-2011

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!

*Meet our new 2010-2011 National President
Lynn Drowne*



*Notes from our
new ABWA
National President*

Wow!!! What a fantastic conference!! I want to thank you for electing me as your 2010-2011 National President. I am so very honored to hold that title. Hope everyone that attended the National Women's Leadership Conference has had a chance to rest up a little and get back into their routines. There were so many members and teams recognized for achievements. And the energy level was definitely set on high—except for the 20 members that Wayne Lee kept putting to sleep!!

Congratulations to all of our Best Practices Chapters and Express Networks. It was really good to see new teams achieving this designation. Kudos go out to the national newsletter winners. From the newsletters that I have received and read, I don't envy the judges on the task that they have in deciding the best of the best. Congratulations, also to our 2011 Top Tens and to Carolyn Coleman Parks, our 2011 American Business Woman. And finally, congratulations to the ABWA-KU MBA Essentials graduates and to the many APEX Award winners. Can you say "NATIONAL RECOGNITION"?

This year a new tradition was started by the Board of Directors. A pinning ceremony where the newly elected officer is officially pinned by the immediate past officer was officially adopted by all. The pins that the officers wear are not just a piece of pearl and gold jewelry; the history that goes along with the pin is priceless. The memory of Past President Casey Coven pinning me, is a memory that I will hold dear for a long time.

As your National President, I look forward to the opportunities that are waiting for us this year. I take the role and responsibility very seriously. Together, your Board of Directors and the National Headquarters staff will work closely to keep our Association moving forward. With your help we can continue to reach new heights for our Association, for our current members and for those members to follow.

In ABWA love,
Lynn Drowne

FEBRUARY FASHIONS

Happy New Year!

Time to throw out the old (literally) and bring in the new! Join us at the ABWA February Meeting and meet Jean. In her own business, we can learn about direct sales business as well as learn about fashion!

Jean Gersternberger has been a fashion consultant for a LA based clothing company since 2006.

Aloha and Mahalo,
Karen Yonemoto
Program Co-Chair



Jean Gersternberger
presents
"Dressing for Success"

*Join us for a "diva" evening!
Some of our members will be vamping down the catwalk to model diva-ine new spring fashions provided by Jean.*

How fun is that!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Feb 9- Fashion, with Jean Gersternberger

Mar 9 - Happy St. Patrick's...and let's *go green* with Pono Solutions! from Alika & Kalono Ferreira

Apr 13 - Spring Enrollment!

May 11- Janice Kim, Esq. speaking on Civil Rights in the Workplace

June 15 - Chapter 34th Anniversary; Int'l Night; member celebration

July 13 - Jane Yamamoto-Burigsay, federal Social Security Administration "What Every Woman Should Know"

Announcements

**KUNG
HEE
FAT
CHOY!!**

2011 THE YEAR OF THE RABBIT

02/03/2011 - 01/22/2012 (Metal Rabbit)

Out like a Tiger, in like a Rabbit? Yes indeed, according to the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac. The actual start date for the Year of the Rabbit is February 3, 2011 and it will end on January 22, 2012. The Rabbit is the fourth sign of the Chinese Zodiac, which consists of 12 animals signs. The Rabbit is a lucky sign. Rabbits are private individuals and a bit introverted. People born in the **Year of the Rabbit (1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999)** are reasonably friendly individuals who enjoy the company of groups of good friends. They are good teachers, counselors and communicators, but also need their own space. According to tradition, the metal Rabbit may show his love in terms of how hard he can work for loved ones. In 2011 you might not express your feelings in words, but make up for it by your deeds.

According to Chinese tradition, the **Rabbit** brings a year in which you can catch your breath and calm your nerves. It is a time for negotiation. Don't try to force issues, because if you do you will ultimately fail. To gain the greatest benefits from this time, focus on home, family, security, diplomacy, and your relationships with women and children. 2011 will be a year of sensitivity, prudence and wealth earned through hard work. The year will be family oriented, devoted to duty and dependability. Make it a goal to create a safe, peaceful lifestyle, so you will be able to calmly deal with any problem that may arise.



Scholarship Committee

The 2010 Stephen Bufton Memorial (Outright)
\$2,000 Scholarship award goes to. . . .



Scholarship Chair Lee Ann Matsuda will present and review the applications with our membership.

Education Committee

Chairs Chassidy and Dawn are organizing a highly anticipated behind the scenes tour of the Honolulu Air Traffic Control Facility.

Date: Sat. March 5th 2:30- 3:30 p.m.
Optional: 12:15 meet for lunch at Ruby Tuesday's at the Moanalua Shopping Center ~ carpool to Hickam Air Base



Fundraising Committee



It's our annual Garage Sale !
Sat. March 12 Sale hours 8:00 am to Noon

Location: Yvonne & Curtis Ako's
777 Elepaio Street , Kahala

DONATION "EARLY DROP OFF" at LYNN MILLER'S HOUSE (988-3060)

Clean out your closets ~ usable, cleaned items only please!
Please pre-price all items prior to donating them

MEMBERS & VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP ON BOTH DAYS

Set-up on Friday - March 11- 5:00 pm to ???

Setting up of tables, tents, catalog & pricing items, organize all drop offs, cleaning, sorting, arranging... ~ all hands needed!

Sale Day Saturday March 12, 2011 from 8:00am-noon
Volunteers must report by 7:00 am Saturday morning

Donations of snacks, pupus, drinks, etc. are welcome for both Friday & Saturday. All members & their worker volunteers will be treated to Sat. lunch at Zippy's Kahala after the sale.

Ads in the Star-Advertiser, Craig's List and Facebook

**SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 19**

**PROGRESSIVE
DINNER**

**Details to be
announced at
February meeting**



The Boss

Be loyal to your boss. Speak well of your superior to others and support his or her initiatives. Your job is not only to advance your own career, but also to make your superior look good.

Seek out supervisors and mentors who are ethical, that you will be proud to support. Never do anything illegal or unethical for your superior, because you will be held accountable.

The Etiquette Tip of the Week may be forwarded to others who really, really need it, pinned to billboards, taped to the water cooler, logged, Twittered or used to fill that last little hole in your newsletter. Giving credit to the **Culture and Manners Institute** at <http://www.cultureandmanners.com/> is the polite thing to do.

Garage Sale Sellers' Blunders...by Nancy Twigg

*** Not Pricing Items clearly**

I don't know which is worse: not pricing items in a way that is easily understandable or not pricing items at all. Buyers shouldn't have to work at figuring out the prices.

*** Accommodating Early Birds**

Allowing early shoppers to get the bargains is unfair to the shoppers who respect your wishes. Politely but firmly tell early birds that the sale is not open for business yet.

*** Trying to Sell Used Stuff at "New" Prices**

If your stuff means that much to you, take it to a consignment store or sell it through a classified ad or on eBay. Yard sale shoppers are looking for bargains, not prices barely below what you'd find at a discount store.

*** Being Careless with Yard Sale Preparations**

There is nothing worse than hearing, "That's not for sale!" Remove things you do not want to sell from the sale area. If that isn't possible, cover them with an old sheet or dropcloth, or use masking tape to rope off areas that are not part of the sale.

*** Not Taking Down Old Signs**

After the yard sale is over, your yard sale signs are litter that should be disposed of just like any other garbage. It is extremely inconsiderate to both shoppers and neighbors who must look at your weather-beaten signs for months to come.

Nancy Twigg is the editor of Counting the Cost. She is also a popular conference and retreat speaker and has authored two books. To learn more about Nancy's work, visit www.countingthecost.com

A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Na Kilohana O' Wahine Chapter

"The Superior of Women"

Founded 1977



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 Members

- ✓ 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 & Vendy 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 Matsuda & Akiko Ogawa
Technology :	Lena Yafuso
Website:	Exec Board



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

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