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NA KILOHANA O' WAHINE CHAPTER #6289 DISTRICT VI
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President's Message

Best Practices Tracking Update

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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.

May

Thank you Nancy Walter for chairing our Spring Enrollment Event and for sharing the "ABWA bucket list" because it brought Nominating Chair Yvonne Ako into action as her list stated "to be more involved in ABWA!" Thank you also to Lena Yafuso for co-speaking on "clearing the clutter" - as we do our spring cleaning for the upcoming garage sale in June. Congratulations also to Lena who will be the recipient of our 1st Protégé award for this Chapter year - awesome! Akiko Ogawa is also on her way, too! Come on to our seven Protégés - you gals are all doing great!

Wow, we had a super fun educational experience at the Air Traffic Control Tower after a great meal at Ruby Tuesdays with the nice waiter! Special thanks in appreciation for that great job done on that tour by Chair Chassidy Shinno and Dawn Paresa with her connections! Gloria Kelly and Vendy Goroza, we missed ya! Getting back to business, on a serious note, our meeting will bring Janice Kim, Attorney speaking to us on Civil Rights in the Workplace! Hope you all answered in the affirmative when the nominating committee touched bases with you and elections will be held at the meeting, too! Don't forget to also be ready for the chairmanship roles and express your interest in what you would like to gain knowledge and experience in - we want to keep the momentum going.....

Keep Smiling!

Patti Ann Hokama

- 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... **1 to go.**
- Adopt standing rules with Code of Conduct in each newsletter..**O.K.**
- 6 (min) newsletters...**Done**
- Standard of Achievement
 - 30 Award Level III (**done!**)
- Sponsor conference attendees
 - ...**District Conferences (2)**
 - 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!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
OUTSTANDING WOMEN OF 2011**



**MYRTLE CHING-RAPPA
WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

Offices Held:
President
Vice President
Secretary
Co-Treasurer

Chairs Held:
Education
Newsletter
Hospitality
Ways & Means/Fundraising
Chapter WOY/ Top Ten
Regional Spring Conference Planning

**Awards: Woman of the Year; Top Ten
National Award Winner– Forever Ten**

- Member since 1979
- Sponsored 3 new members
- Attended 4 district and national conferences

Quote: *"I help where I'm needed"*

**PATTI ANN HOKAMA
TOP TEN BUSINESS WOMEN OF ABWA
NOMINEE**

Offices Held:
President
President-Elect
Secretary

Chairs Held:
Membership
Newsletter
Publicity
Enrollment
Chapter WOY/ Top Ten
Ways & Means/Fundraising

**Awards: Woman of the Year; Top Ten
Nominee**

- Member since 1995
- Sponsored 3 new members
- Attended 12 district and national conferences

Quote: *"Keep Smiling!"*

May Featured Speaker

**Janice P. Kim, Esq. —
Civil Rights in the Workplace**



2008 Hawaii Super Lawyer

A graduate of the University of Hawaii at Manoa as well as Georgetown Law Center, Janice grew up learning the law from her father, Alexander Y. H. Kim, who established his law firm in 1954.

Ms. Kim's practice focuses on consumer and civil rights law. She is also an accomplished national speaker in trial advocacy.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June (tba) GARAGE SALE II

June 15 International Night; Chapter 34th Anniversary celebration!

June 25 Maui Adventure & Woman of the Year celebration (see pg 5)

July 13 -Jane Yamamoto-Burigsay — U.S. Social Security Administration

July 30 - Education Seminar Event
Dr. Eliza Kim & friends (see below)

☞ **End of Chapter Year** ☞

Sept, 2011— State Joint Chapter Event
UH Campus Center

Announcements**SAVE THE DATE!!!**

May (tba) – Possible Chinatown Walking Tour (more details to follow from Chassidy Shinno)

June (tba) Garage Sale II — *Fundraising Committee reported that we made over \$1800 at the garage sale on March 12, 2011. Another one will be scheduled for June at Lee Ann Matsuda's home in Mililani*

June 25th – An Educational Adventure to Maui ! The Woman of the Year/Top 10 Celebration will held in conjunction with a special event tour to Maui. Please check your calendars to see if you can make it. More details will be coming soon. This will be an all-day event involving travel. See page 5 for details

July 30th – Educational seminar to be held at JCCH from 8:30 – 2:00.

Dr. Eliza Kim will speak on Health issues; another professional speaker will join her to speak on Wealth; and, possibly another speaker to speak on a surprise topic! Please hold this date. Chapter member, Dr. Kim, will donate her time and will not charge Na Kilohana 'o Wahine chapter members. She would like this to be a fundraiser for the chapter. Details to follow soon.

Future Event 2012 — Planning is underway for a major educational event excursion to Las Vegas to reconnect with our non-resident members and to learn some new skills! Details next year for this exciting event!

Membership Committee

Na Kilohana 'o Wahine proudly welcomes our newest members:

Anna Sislyan – our 2011 scholarship recipient introduced by Akiko Ogawa & sponsored by Na Kilohana as our new student member .

Aileen Higa – sponsored by Lena Yafuso.

Please see page 6 for New Member Profiles

New member orientation will be arranged by Iris Yafuso for all of our new members to meet informally during a weekend date (tba) for a Na Kilohana 'o Wahine orientation.

2011 Protege' Award: contact Leilani Alcover for this award information.

Nominating Committee

Nominations are open for the 2011-2012 Executive Board Member positions:

President

Vice-President

Secretary

Treasurer



Nominating Chair: Yvonne Ako; Members Haunani Yano-McNeeley and Akiko Ogawa.

Education Committee Events

May (date tba) – Chinatown Walking Tour

June 25th – An Educational Adventure to Maui

See page 5 for details.

July 30th – Dr Eliza Kim presents “Keys to Your Health & Wealth” ~ an educational seminar for the benefit of Na Kilohana 'o Wahine and open to the public. To be held at JCCH Saturday 7/30 from 8:30 – 2:00. Details to follow.



NA KILOHANA O WAHINE CHAPTER PRESENTS...



Itinerary:

- 8:30 am Pickup @ airport
- 9:00 am Ali'i Kula Lavender Farm tour (depart 10:30 am)
- 10:45 am O'o Farms Tour & WOY/Top 10 Luncheon (depart 1:30 pm)
- 1:45 pm Tedeschi Winery tour & tasting (depart 3:30 pm)
- 4:00 pm Drop off @ airport



Attendee Information:

- Air travel to be arranged on own (arrive by 8:15am, depart after 5:00 at earliest)
- Estimated tour cost = \$150/person. Members tour cost partially subsidized by chapter; to be determined
- RSVP via email to chassidv808@gmail.com or via Zoji invitation: http://www.zoji.com/gAQoZYTrkhUQvF5fBnYhboDHozVal7Rsv3pXpEQQV*euF*ej5zDvfg
- Wear comfortable shoes and clothing
- Bring a jacket/sweater

Ali'i Kula Lavendar Farm – www.aklmaui.com
 O'o Farm - www.oofarm.com
 Tedeschi Winery – www.mauiwine.com

NEW MEMBER PROFILES

NEW MEMBER PROFILE Anastasia Keller-Collins

Job/Career title or current profession/business: Senior Vice President of Programs, Easter Seals Hawaii

Family info/background: I am married to John who is a fireman for the City and County and have two children in college. My oldest, John Brooks is 21 and studying computer science and my youngest, Brandace is almost 20 and is studying American Sign Language and Social Sciences.

Education background: I am a Recreation Therapist and also have my Masters in Special Education with an emphasis in autism. I am currently in school to become board certified as a Behavior Analyst.

Work Experiences: I have worked in the human services field in non-profits my entire career helping people with some form of disability. I have worked with people with eating disorders, the elderly and children and adults with intellectual disabilities and mental illness.

Avocation/hobbies: I love spending time with my animals as I have many...2 dogs, 1 cat, 2 birds, 1 bunny and 1 guinea pig. These animals and hanging out with my family keeps me busy! I also love to work in the garden and make jewelry.

"Why I joined ABWA" I joined ABWA to meet new women outside of my workplace and normal business realm. I spend a lot of time at work and these are some of my best friends, but I felt like I needed to expand my horizons. Lee Ann was always talking so great about the wonderful group that she has been part of for years...so, I decided to give it a try and I love it.

"What I most like about Na Kilohana chapter" Everyone has been so nice and I really do feel like I have a huge support group instantaneously with a group of fabulous women! I look forward to getting to know everyone!

And we are so lucky to have you as a new member. . . *Welcome Anastasia!*

NEW MEMBER PROFILE Aileen S. Higa

Job/Career title or current profession: Sales, Conrad Enterprises, Office products firm

Family info/background: Husband Dennis, two grown children Cortney and Cale

Education background: Graduated McKinley High School, Kapiolani Community College

Work Experiences: Secretary, Kam Medical Supplies Conrad Enterprises 18 years

Avocation/hobbies: reading

"Why I joined ABWA" Lena (my sponsor) made each meeting sound so enticing, with the guest speakers so I decided to see for myself. I have yet to be disappointed. Educating yourself is the only way to grow and improve. I feel that this group will help me achieve a higher level of self-improvement.

"What I most like about Na Kilohana chapter" The members are the most enthusiastic group of women I have met. I would certainly like to be around people of that caliber.

And we 're sure you are as enthusiastic as we are about you joining NKoW. . . *Welcome Aileen!*

NEW STUDENT MEMBER PROFILE Anna Sislyan

Job/Career title or current profession: I am currently a student at HPU majoring in Marine Biology with a minor in Pre-Med studies. I left a career in film where I worked as a financial analyst.

Family info/background: My family is spread between the Big Island, Maui, and California. My husband's name is Aris Sislyan and was born in Armenia.

Education background: Currently in progress!

Work Experiences: Film is an industry that gives you a lot of interesting experiences! I also worked at The Cheesecake Factory in the corporate offices.

Volunteer experiences: Needy children is very important to me; I make it a point to participate in charities that focus on needy children.

Avocation/hobbies: Anything in the water!

"Why I joined ABWA" I really like what it stands for. Women encouraging other women is something that is very important in our lives.

"What I most like about Na Kilohana chapter" I love that everyone is so supportive of each other.

Anything else you'd like us to know about you? I look forward to getting to know everyone!

We wish you great success in your new career. . . *Welcome Anna!*

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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



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

Executive Board Members

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

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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

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www.abwahawaii.org