Aloha EWI of Honolulu! Happy Chinese New Year!

2018 is the year of the dog. Honest and loyal, dogs are the truest friends and most reliable partner. I hope everyone has dogs in their circle of friends.

Thank you to JaDawn for sharing what you plan to do differently in 2018. I hope everyone had an opportunity to reflect on 2017 and how you plan do things differently in 2018.

Our February membership meeting will be on February 7th at Mandalay Restaurant. Our speaker is from member firm Accuity LLP who will share some insight on the new tax law changes. I would like to challenge everyone to wear red to our meeting. We hope you will be able to join us.

Hope everyone has a prosperous New Year!

Michelle Nakahara
President
EWI of Honolulu 2017 - 2018

Surround Yourself with Good People
But the YEPS
On the STEPS-
They’ve great fun
to have around.
And so are
many,many
other friends
that I have found....
~ There’s a Wocket in My Pocket
February Dinner Meeting

Wednesday February 7, 2018
Mandalay Chinese Restaurant
1055 Alakea Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Full Validated Parking at
Bishop Square across the street

$35 Members
$45 Non-Members

Deep Fried Tofu Wrap in Rice Paper
Diced Winter Melon Seafood Soup
Peking Duck with Bun
Sautéed Seafood in Taro Basket
Sautéed Beef with Seasonal Greens
Steamed Alaska Salmon with Black Bean Sauce
Braised Yee Mein with Chicken
Steamed Rice
Dessert

RSVP by January 31, 2018

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Mission
Executive Women International (EWI) brings together key individuals from diverse businesses for the purpose of promoting member firms, enhancing personal and professional development, and encouraging community involvement.

Vision
To be a global women’s organization of 5,000 engaged members empowering others for positive change.

Values
Integrity | Excellence | Respect | Collaboration

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Honolulu Chapter Board Meeting Highlights

December 13, 2017

Treasurer’s Report:
• November 2017 financials were disbursed, reviewed and approved by the board.

Committee Reports:

ASIST – Candace Yuen and Kim Oshiro
• eBlast sent to schools announcing upcoming scholarship program.

Communications and Marketing – Abigail Jacinto
• 1/2 - Final reminder email to membership regarding 1/3/18 RSVP and Regrets deadline for January Dinner Meeting.
• 1/5 – Email reminder to Board that Connect articles are due by 1/10/18.
• 1/8 – Email reminder to membership for January chapter meeting on 1/10/18.
• 1/10 – Articles due for February Connect.
• 2/1 – Connect goes on website and out to membership
• 2/14 – Articles due for March Connect

EWISP – JaDawn Perez
• Committee met in early December to go over program plans.

Retention & Recruitment – Karen Mendes
• Current membership: 62 firms, 68 representatives
• Representative changes: Better Business Bureau and Where Hawaii are pending replacement representatives.
• Follow-up needed: Central Pacific Bank
• New Member Firms: none
• Current fiscal year total:
  o 0 new firms / 62 total firms
  o 1 new rep over 68 total reps
  o 1 firm terminated

Philanthropy – Leslie Ihei
• 2017 – 2018 Events
  o Toys for Tots Campaign – Held in conjunction with the December 6, 2017 chapter meeting at the Prince Waikiki. Thank you to our members who donated toys
  o October Reading Rally – Seven EWI volunteers dressed in Halloween costumes and entertained 40 children on October 24, 2017 at Pauoa Elementary School, which included storytelling, Halloween crafts and games in the school library.
• Wish List for 2017 – 2018
  o Aloha United Way, American Cancer Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Easter Seals Hawaii, Project Hawaii, Susan G. Komen
• Monetary Donation Wish List 2017 – 2018
  o American Red Cross, Blood Bank of Hawaii, Hawaii Foodbank, Make a Wish

Programs – Francine Lee-Kadota
• December 6, 2017 chapter meeting held at member firm Prince Waikiki.
• Guest speaker was Tammy Yee, Children’s Book Writer and Illustrator.
• Toys and books were collected from membership for the Toys for Tots program. Lance Corporal Angelo Khan accepted the gifts.

2017-2018 Officers & Directors

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Appointed Positions

ASIST Chair
Candace Yuen
Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel
and
Kim Oshiro
Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel

Philanthropy Chair
Leslie Ihei
Hawaiian Electric Company

Bylaws/Parliamentarian
Brenda Kanno
The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

Advisor
Wanda Sanchez
Hawaiian Dredging Construction Company, Inc.
• January meeting to be held at the Pagoda Hotel, International Ballroom. Guest speaker Pam Chambers will present on “From Email to Proposals.”
• February 7, 2018 (rather than 2/14/18) chapter meeting at the Mandalay Restaurant.

**Sergeant-at-Arms – Ariel Moniz**
• 35 representatives and 5 guests attended the December 6, 2017 meeting at member firm Prince Waikiki.
• 57% member representatives were in attendance.

**Ways and Means – Roseann Freitas**
• Festival of Giving proceeds as of 12/12/17: $2,910
• Golf Theme – Tee Up For Scholarships
• #EWIGOLF18 – official hashtag
• No changes to fees for golf tournament.
• Working on golf invitation letters and brochure.
• Working on lunch/dinner menus and Tiki chef to be at a comfort station.
• Seeking quotes for EWI shirts.

**Unfinished Business:**
• Wine Tasting Fundraiser – March 14, 2018, Wednesday, Plaza Club. Will have wine wall but no silent auction. Theme – Italian Asian Fusion. Cost estimated at $75 - $85. Awaiting menu from Plaza Club; working on entertainment, and will begin soliciting donations.
• Chapter of Excellence – Qualification tracker sheet created and will be included in the Connect.
• Executive Engagement – Executive Advisory Board. Looking at a lunch in April instead of a dinner meeting. Michelle to survey membership for feedback.
• Buddy List – Assign new members to board members & past presidents.

**New Business:**
• Consider sending holiday eCard to past scholarship winners.

**Next Meetings:**
• January 10, 2017, 5:30 p.m., Pagoda Hotel, International Ballroom – Chapter meeting.
• January 31, 2017, 5:30 p.m. Sheraton Waikiki, Leahi Board Room – Board meeting

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**Directory Changes**
Please notify Retention & Recruitment Director, Karen Mendes, of American Solutions for Business of any changes in your address, email, telephone number, etc. so the change can be made in the directory. kmendes@americanbus.com or (808)723-4577

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Share your news and photos in the monthly CONNECT
Contact: Abigail Jacinto at abigail.jacinto@accountemps.com or (808)531-8056
Submission deadline for March issue: February 14, 2018
We were honored to have Pam Chambers as our guest speaker. Pam has been a presentation coach since 1985 and coached us on practical everyday habits that can make a huge difference in connecting with our customers. She was interactive and entertaining, and delivered on the “wise and cheerful lessons” that she is known for.

Great way to kick off the new year!
PAM CHAMBERS EMAIL TIPS TO REMEMBER:

1. Always respond so clients/co-workers don’t have to second guess why there is no response yet.

2. Get rid of archaic language . . . say "contact me at" rather than "please don't hesitate to consider contacting me".

3. Remember that emails can be permanent so think twice about your message and check grammar.

4. Never write messages in RED CAPS; readers will feel they are being shouted at.

5. Leave 'white space' so email looks inviting enough to read; bullets may be appropriate.

6. Refresh the subject line so your response makes sense.

7. Be careful when replying to "ALL" . . . is your response for all eyes?

8. When you are receiving an email as a cc, no action is required; it is for info only . . . when you expect a response or action from someone, that person should be in the "TO" field.
23rd Annual EWI of Honolulu Golf Tournament

Friday, August 3, 2018
Hawaii Prince Golf Club
91-1200 Fort Weaver Rd
Ewa Beach, HI 96706
ITALIAN ASIAN FUSION
MARCH 14, 2018
EWI of Honolulu Wine Tasting Fundraiser @ The Plaza Club

Mark your calendars for our 3rd annual wine tasting fundraiser at The Plaza Club. All proceeds will benefit EWI of Honolulu’s Na Wahine Alakai Leadership Awards Program. These awards will allow some of our members to attend EWI’s leadership conference—known as LCAM—in Raleigh, North Carolina, in September 2018. LCAM provides professional development opportunities for our members.

SAVE THE DATE!
Embrace Your Leadership Role

Presenter: Linda Oien
businessPATHS

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
3:00 PM EST / 12:00 PM PST

The role of the manager has changed significantly over the past few decades, demanding greater leadership in order to compete and win in our fast-paced, ever-changing business environment. You will learn how the role of the manager has changed, when to manage and when to lead, the importance of leading, ways to recapture valuable time, and how to focus on things that matter.

Linda spent more than twenty years in corporate America and over twenty years consulting with executives and leadership teams in the private, public and non-profit sectors. Her commitment to advancing leadership has resulted in developing individuals and positioning teams and organizations for success. She is devoted to writing and teaching people how to lead at a higher level, actively engage their employees in the business and focus on outcomes that matter.

Join the meeting!
Register at http://ewiconnect.com/professional-development/webinars/
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**Relationship Savings**

**16-Month CD**

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