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GOOD WILL OUT

On a recent busy Saturday afternoon I opted to sit at Ala Moana Zippy's with a newspaper and a cup of hot tea, rather than "parking" in traffic, waiting for it to subside. Instead of being frustrated at "stupid drivers", I read an interesting article by Ben Wood in the Honolulu Star Bulletin (Saturday Dec. 13, 2008 edition): *Obama naming Shinseki veterans' chief was right.*

'A line Jack Lord would use when I had regular interviews with him in the old days was, "Good will out." That line works well in the case of former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki of Kauai...'

Mr. Wood wrote about Shinseki being ousted as Army Chief when he testified in 2003 before the Senate Armed Services panel about how it would take several hundred thousand U.S. troops to control Iraq after invading their country. This statement angered then Defense Secretary, Donald Rumsfeld, and resulted in General Shinseki's retirement.

President-elect Barack Obama recently named retired General Shinseki as the new Veterans Affairs secretary.

As we approach 2009, I'd like to think that 'Good will out' applies to our organization as well; and that despite economic hardships, EWI of Honolulu will thrive and continue as the leading business organization of professional women. The saying goes, "when times get tough, the tough get going." That with a positive and informed mind set, we will remain afloat, survive and possibly come out all the better, having weathered these rough times.

That EWI will continue to be the focus for:

- "Connections"- Promoting member firms and offering networking capabilities both nationally and internationally;
- "Careers"- Offering opportunities for both personal and professional development; and
- "Community"- Offering scholarship opportunities to high school juniors and transitional college students to better their education and their lives; and to serve our local communities through other philanthropic endeavors.

You should have received an enclosure with your 2009 dues renewal, offering payment via credit card. Our new treasurer, Hollie Amano of Central Pacific Bank, was instrumental in getting us a terrific deal with Heartland Payment Systems and the Board voted to approve a one year trial at a fee of \$1.00 per month. As a result, our Honolulu Chapter will pay \$12 for the year, a great introductory offer! Hollie has agreed to offer payment via debit or credit card at our monthly meetings, so if you don't have a check that won't be a problem. We're hoping that you will find this new method of payment more efficient for many of you and your companies.

Please mark your calendars now to attend our January meeting. Ronald Migita, Central Pacific Bank's Chairman & CEO, will speak to us about Hawaii's current Economic Climate. Be sure to invite your executive!

We did not have quorum at our December meeting therefore we have some business to conduct at the January 2009 meeting. Your attendance is needed and your support appreciated!

Best wishes for a safe and Happy New Year!

See you in 2009!

Valerie Tanaka
2008-2009 EWI of Honolulu President



Honolulu Country Club
1690 Ala Puumalu Street
5:30 p.m. *Registration*
6 p.m. *Program & Dinner*

Executive Women International® Honolulu Chapter Membership Meeting Wednesday, January 14, 2009

COST

\$35 PER PERSON
(Dinner Buffet)

FREE PARKING

PLEASE RSVP

Please RSVP if you will
NOT be attending OR
if you are bringing a
guest to April Tengan of
HMSA by noon January 2,
2009 via email
April_Tengan@hmsa.com
or phone 948-5910.

A Message from Our Sergeant-At-Arms

A Standing reservation is
made for every
representative at all EWI
monthly meetings. It is
your responsibility to inform
the Sergeant-At-Arms by
email or telephone by noon,
the Friday before our
meeting if you cannot
attend. You will be billed
for any missed meetings
unless prior notice is
received.



Speaker:

Ronald K. Migita
Chairman & CEO
Central Pacific Bank

Topic:

The Economic Climate of Hawaii

Ron Migita earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Hawaii at Manoa. He's also a graduate of the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington and the University of Hawaii Advanced Management Program.

In 1966, Ron began his banking career at Bank of Hawaii as a bank trainee. He'd spend 28 years there—serving in various managerial and executive capacities, and eventually, was named Executive Vice President and Manager of the bank's Business Financial Services Group.

In 1995, Ron served as President and Chief Executive Officer of CB Bancshares, Inc. whose principal subsidiary was City Bank. In 2004, Ron joined Central Pacific Financial Corp., following the merger of Central Pacific Financial Corp. and CB Bancshares, Inc. and has served as Chairman of the Board.

On August 1, 2008, Ron was also named President & CEO of both Central Pacific Financial Corp. and Central Pacific Bank.

Ron currently serves on the University of Hawaii Board of Regents, the Aloha Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the National Board of the Boy Scouts of America, and is a Trustee for the Public Schools of Hawaii Foundation.

*Also be sure to check out the
Central Pacific Bank table, where
you can meet with Diane Chong,
VP & Trust Services Officer, and
learn more about the bank's
exciting new products that offer the
best banking value in the Islands!*

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HONOLULU CHAPTER BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, December 3, 2008

The Plaza Club

President Valerie Tanaka called the board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
Roll call of the membership was conducted; quorum was not achieved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Approval of business meeting minutes for October 8, 2008 was tabled until the next membership meeting that achieves quorum.

Treasurer's Report:

Account balances (unaudited) as of November 2008:

General Operating Account:	\$46,134.45
B/C/DP Account:	\$42,705.21
*less Funds committed	<u>(18,750.00)</u>
Available funds in B/C/DP	\$23,955.21

September: Receipts: \$14,792.02 Disbursements: General A/C - \$16,466.91

*EWISP funds committed: \$5000- 2006; \$13,000- 2008

*ASIST funds committed: \$750.00 – 2008

*Total B/C/DP funds committed: \$18,750.00

- Treasurer's report approval for November 2008 was tabled until the next the membership meeting.

Committee Reports:

- ASIST – No report.
- Communications and Marketing – No report.
- EWISP – Written report.
- Membership – Written report.
- Philanthropy – Patti Furtado discussed upcoming philanthropy projects, Pearl City Nursing Home Bingo and the Autism Benefit Walk. Patti thanked the membership for their generous toiletry donations to the Next Step Shelter.
- Program – Written report.
- Sergeant- at-Arms – Attendance at the November Member Firm Night: 37 firms, 39 representatives, 19 guests (64% member firms). There were 6 no shows.
- Ways and Means – No report.

Unfinished Business:

- None

New Business:

Because quorum was not achieved at the December membership meeting, the following topics will be put to vote at the January membership meeting, assuming quorum is achieved then.

- Selection of the third person to the Nominating Committee is Joyce Nishimura. Membership must vote to approve her nomination at the next business meeting.
- KaNoi Lam discussed the 2009 Budget Proposal. She explained that scholarships for next year were reduced due to projected economic challenges and the need to preserve the chapter's financial integrity. Membership must vote to approve the budget proposal at the next business meeting.

Announcements:

- The next board meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at HMSA.
- The next membership meeting will be held at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the Honolulu Country Club.

Adjournment: 7:45 p.m.

Membership Meeting Report



The Plaza Club, beautifully decorated for the holidays, greeted the members of the Honolulu Chapter of EWI as we gathered for our December membership meeting.

Sheri Tamayose (First Hawaiian Bank) did a wonderful job of coordinating the “make and take” ornaments project. All the pieces were cut, organized, and bagged for everyone’s convenience. Many thanks to Sheri for taking the time to put together this fun activity.



The Membership Committee arranged a Gingerbread House making contest. What fun it was to see how different the four groups decorated their yummy houses. We all had the exact same kit, but each house was as unique as the team that created it. Ultimately, the “builders” of “Hale Keiki Kawaii” savored the sweet smell of victory! Each completed gingerbread house was donated to Kulana Malama, a facility providing skilled nursing care for medically fragile children and a part of the Ito Group of healthcare companies including member firm Pearl City Nursing Home.



Winning Team: Roxanne Mattos (Aon Risk Services Inc. of Hawaii), Kay Sasaki (Insurance Advantage, LLC), Val Tanaka (Outrigger Enterprises), Nadine Uratsuka (Accuity), Adele Tasaka (HVCB), Brenda Kanno (The Research Corporation of UH), Diana Fujii (CQ Communications)

The Philanthropy Committee received many wonderful donations of toiletry items to be donated to the Next Step Shelter in Kakaako. Mahalo to all of you who gave so generously.

We were honored to have June Tong, author of the cookbook Popo’s Kitchen at our meeting. All proceeds from her cookbook sales will go toward the autism treatment costs not covered by medical insurance for Lauralei Tanaka’s (HTH Corp.) son Morgan. Ms. Tong autographed copies of the cookbook for our members and guests. How heartwarming to see such generosity of spirit in these trying times.

Unfortunately, we did not achieve quorum at this meeting so action items could not be voted on. President Val Tanaka and KaNoi Lam briefed members on the budget. Membership dues have been increased to more fully recoup the cost of the Chapter Pulse. The budget will again be discussed at our next membership meeting on January 14.

Important Dates

January 7, 2009	Board of Directors Meeting at HMSA office
January 14, 2009	Membership Meeting at the Honolulu Country Club
January 28, 2009	Board of Directors Meeting at HMSA office

Happy January Birthdays!

6	Joni Marcello
9	Adele Tsukamoto
23	Sherilyn Tamayose



Member Firm Spotlight



Sirius® Puppy Training & Behavioral Consulting

Sirius® Puppy Training & Behavioral Consulting has been celebrating its 20th anniversary all this year! Founded in 1988 by local girl Wendy Mah, Sirius® Puppy Training & Behavioral Consulting has been the place to go for new puppy and dog owners for fun functional obedience and help with all behavioral problems. Wendy brings to Sirius® her understanding of animal behavior from her academic background with her Master's Degree in Animal Learning Psychology as well as hands on knowledge working with animals. She is Hawaii's first Applied Animal Behaviorist as well as Hawaii's first Certified Pet Dog Trainer. She has taught nationally and internationally, been on numerous local TV shows, has had a local radio show, trained a variety of animals for TV commercials and most of all loves being back and living in Hawaii these past 20 years after 10 years in various states on the mainland.

Sirius® Puppy Training & Behavioral Consulting strives to help owners get the fun loving relationship with their dogs they want. New puppies present themselves with many behaviors that can become troublesome to their new owners. Many times owners believe that this is due to the puppy being stupid, spiteful, malicious, or even abnormal. Sirius® helps owners understand what normal puppy behavior is and how to work with their new puppy in a fun positive fashion to achieve that long lasting loving relationship all owners dream of when bringing home their new puppy. Without the proper direction normal natural puppy behaviors quickly turn into bad habits that could lose the puppy its home. Sirius® makes their first goal the prevention of behavior problems through early training.

Sirius® also recognizes that there are many dog owners who acquired their dogs when they were older. Other owners did not know or realize the need for early puppy training. Sirius® also has help for the adult dogs and their owners. However, now we are talking about treating existing problems. Once again Sirius® helps owners to understand that most of these problems are not because the dog is trying to "get back" at the owner by maliciously plotting against them while they are away at work. Many concerns that owners of older dogs have are problems that have arisen because of a lack of early training, bad or misguided training or in the case of rescued dogs they may have been neglected or abused. For these owners and their dogs Sirius® is still there to help them. Once again owners are helped by getting the proper understanding of their dog's behavior. Then training through positive behavioral modification techniques is implemented.

Whether dealing with a new puppy or an older dog the goal is always to teach the desired behavior through fun positive motivational methods. It really helps no one to keep secret the desired behaviors from the dog and punish him for getting things "wrong". Sirius® wants dogs and owners to have fun, enjoy life and to have long and happy relationships with one another. We do this through group classes that are located around the island of Oahu in Moiliili, Makiki, Ward, Salt Lake, Kapolei and Kaneohe. Private one-on-one sessions in the owner's home is also available for those owners and dogs that either are unable make it to a group class, would like more personalized training sessions, or the problem is not appropriate for a group setting. Wendy and her team of trainers have one goal, to help owners and dogs build great long lasting relationships.

Sirius® also offers dog walking and pet sitting services in addition to our signature puppy/dog training. If you or someone you know would like to sign up for any of our services they may call our office at 732-0258.

www.siriuspuppytraining.com

EWI® Mission and Vision

Mission

Executive Women International is an organization which 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 the Leading Connection for Business Professionals.

EWI Golf Tournament 2009

The theme of the 2009 EWI Golf Tournament & Fundraiser is "Go For The Green."

The focus of the Ways and Means committee is to raise funds for ASSIST and EWISP scholarships; but this year, we're adding another component to our fundraiser and that is to "Go Green!" We'll do this by minimizing paper communication and sponsors, donors, and golfers will receive notices and reminders electronically.



SAVE THE DATE:
AUGUST 28, 2009
"Go For The Green"
Annual EWI Golf Tournament
Hawaii Prince Golf Club

REMINDER-

Please turn in your completed and signed MEDIA RELEASE FORM to Tessa Ahsing, Secretary. Forms were included with 2009 Dues invoices.

(Corporate has requested that ALL representatives sign and turn in this form.)

Thank you!

Any questions, please call or email Tessa Ahsing, Shanghai Tang, Tessa@ShanghaiSML.com or 942-9800

REMINDER- 2009 DUES are due!
Deadline: January 15, 2009

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Sirius-ly Speaking TIP OF THE MONTH

WENDY MARI'S
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BEHAVIORAL CONSULTING

It's January 2009 and the start of a brand New Year! As you make resolutions for yourself and your behavior in the New Year make one that includes your dog. How about teaching your dog better manners when he would like something from you. Have your dog earn things from you by sitting before you give him things. Many dogs sit for a treat but not much else. Teach your dog to sit for all that it wants and you will have a really happy New Year.

