

Letter from President



CHEERS to the new EWI of Honolulu Board of Directors! You are **Rock Stars!** Your willingness and heart to serve are priceless and greatly appreciated! We are committed to uphold the mission and vision of EWI through **Connections, Careers and Community.** During my term as your President, I'm enhancing the 3 C's with my vision of 3 E's!

- **Engage** our Connections
- **Excite** our Career
- **Enrich** our Community

The past six months have been filled with transitions that I could not have planned for. I transitioned from a fairly new career promotion at Hagadone Printing Company to a completely different and unfamiliar promotion in an industry I knew very little about. I took the career transition opportunity because I could learn daily from one of my mentors, Signe Godfrey, with a personal goal of one day running my own business! This is something I'd been considering for nearly six years but the timing never seemed right. I knew all along I wanted to serve EWI of Honolulu in a much greater capacity than I had already but again the timing wasn't right. With Cora's wonderful news of her family's second child on the way, it became clear that there was a need far greater than my own to serve in a much greater capacity immediately. Was this my time? If you know me, then you know I'm a planner. I always say **Plan the Work and Work the Plan!** I'm not big on surprises but understand the need to be flexible like "Gumby" when needed. Well this is my "Gumby" time and I'm ready, willing and able to serve!

I'll be honest, I'm nervous as heck because I recognize how important EWI is to each and everyone of us. It's so **important** to me that I negotiated the membership into my compensation package at both Hagadone and Olsten. On Saturday, August 31, I was blessed to be welcomed into the "President's Circle" at member firm Hawaii Prince Hotel's Prince Court Restaurant. It was a special time with Past Presidents Nadine Uratsuka, Leona Hee, Lois Asato, Tracy Wong, Brenda Kanno, Shelley Okubo, Cathy Iwai, Sheri Tamayose and Ellie Urakawa each sharing their highlights and challenges. I expressed my desire to do my very best and not let EWI of Honolulu down! I understand the privilege before me to serve as your President! My goal is to be the best servant leader I can possibly be! You have my word, I will give you the very best I have to offer. I will be transparent and open. I am conscious that **"To Whom Much Is Given, Much is Expected"**.

2013-2014 Officers & Directors

President

Leianne Pedro, Olsten Staffing & Professional Services

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Cora Kim, Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki

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Roseann Bronston, Archipelago Hawaii

Ways & Means

Wanda Sanchez, Bank of Hawaii

Membership Director

Maegan Brandt, Insurance Solutions LLC

Sergeant-at-Arms

Candace Yuen, Aston Waikiki Beach Hotel

Programs

Jennifer Ihara, TW Telecom

EWISP Director at Large

Karen Mendes, APP Hawaii

Communications & Marketing Director

Jasmine Mancao, Pacific Business News

Appointed Positions

Advisor

Nadine Uratsuka, Accuity, LLP

Bylaws/Parliamentarian

Brenda Kanno, Research Corporation of the University of Hawai'i

ASIST Chair

Adele Tasaka, Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau

Philanthropy Chair

Francine Lee-Kadota, Meridian Properties Inc.

So with that, rest assured that your EWI Honolulu Board is ready to take the stage and Rock On!



All the best,

Leianne Pedro
Olsten Staffing and Professional Services
2013-2014 President, EWI of Honolulu



Installation Night, September 11, 2013
EWI of Honolulu 2013-2014 Board of Directors



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

EWI of Honolulu Meeting Wednesday, October 9, 2013

5:30-8:00 pm

La Salle Ballroom

\$40 Per Person – No-Host Cash Bar

above Pagoda Restaurant (an Aqua Hospitality property)

Shared Parking at Ross Dress for Less/Pagoda \$3.00 with validation

Custom Dinner Buffet

Asian Chicken Salad with Sesame Ginger Vinaigrette,

Braised Pork Belly with Bao Bun and Fuji Apple Slaw,

Grilled Garlic Steak, Steamed Island Fish

Steamed Vegetables, Brown Rice

Dessert

Mac Nut Tarts, Fresh Fruit Platter

Fresh Brewed Kona Coffee, Hot Tea

Please contact Candace Yuen by noon Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at candace.yuen@astonhotels.com or 921-6272 to RSVP your regrets OR if you're bringing a guest.

Pre-payment policy: Dinner payments are due to Candace (mail to: 2570 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815) no later than Friday, October 4, 2013.

Note: It is your responsibility to inform the Sergeant-at-Arms by email or telephone by the RSVP deadline if you are unable to attend. You will be billed for any missed meetings unless notice is received 7 days prior to the event date.

Honolulu Chapter Board Meeting Highlights

Tuesday, August 27, 2013
HMSA

Treasurer's Report:

As of July 30, 2013, account balances (unaudited) were as follows:

- General Operating Account - \$75,697.57
- B/C/DP Account - \$38,668.05

A motion was made and seconded to approve the July 30, 2013 financials and August disbursements.

Committee Reports:

ASIST – Karen Mendes

- No report

Communications and Marketing – Kelly Nishimura

- Kelly is working on the September newsletter.
- The October deadline is the second Wednesday of the month. Kelly has been including Jasmine Mancao, who will be the next Communications & Marketing Director.
- Our website has been updated to include the 2013 EWISP & ASIST scholarship recipients and new members.

EWISP – April Tengan

- No report

Membership – Roseann Bronston

- New Member Orientation Breakfast
 - Tracy Wong did a great job as the featured speaker.
 - Mayor Kirk Caldwell was in attendance as Randy Leong's executive.

Philanthropy – Leianne Pedro

- Leianne will call Linda Rich directly to see if they would like EWI to continue with our philanthropic activities as planned.
- The planter boxes are ready to go and Randy Liu from Sheraton is waiting to meet the new chef to determine what herbs and vegetables will be planted.

Program – Rosanna Costales

- October 9, 2013
Location: La Salle Ballroom
Cost: \$40
- November 13, 2013
Location: 3660 on the Rise
Cost: \$40-\$45
Menu: Chicken Entrée and Vegetarian option
- December 4, 2013
Location: Tsukiji Fish Market and Restaurant
Cost: \$32.95 buffet; 15% gratuity
Theme: Christmas

Sergeant-at-Arms – Leah Harvell

- There were 28 representatives, three guests and six no shows at the August 14, 2013 membership meeting held at Bistro! Downtown/Café Julia.
- 47% member representatives were in attendance.

DATES TO NOTE

October 9, 2013

Membership Meeting, La Salle Ballroom* (above Pagoda Restaurant)
*revised venue

October 18, 2013

Philanthropy's Bookfest & Reading Rally, Salvation Army Women's Way 6:00 – 7:30 pm

November 8, 2013

Philanthropy's Attitude of Gratitude Crafting, Salvation Army Women's Way 6:00 – 7:30 pm

November 13, 2013

Membership Meeting, 3660 On the Rise

December 4, 2013

Christmas Dinner Meeting, Tsukiji Fish Market & Restaurant

December 6, 2013

Philanthropy's Holiday Cookie Decorating, Salvation Army Women's Way 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Ways and Means – Maegan Brandt

- Maegan thanked everyone for their support of this year's golf tournament.
- We had 40 volunteers this year which was wonderful.
- Maegan emailed the volunteers a survey for their feedback and asked everyone to send her their comments/suggestions.
- We had some excitement this year when one of our golfers, John Rogers from the CQ Communications team, had a Hole-in-One on the Mercedes hole and won a brand new Mercedes.
- The final numbers are still being calculated and Maegan will update the Board and membership when the net proceeds information is available.
- MidWeek's photographer was at the tournament and an article should be coming out within the next two weeks.

Unfinished Business:**2013-2014 Budget**

- President Uratsuka distributed the 2013-2014 budget for the Board's review.
- Due to the possibility of a dues increase (to be voted upon at this year's LCAM) it was suggested that we wait on distributing the budget to membership.
- The budget will be re-distributed to the Board for approval after it is known whether the proposed membership dues increase is approved at LCAM. The budget will then be presented to membership for approval.

New Business:

- LCAM updates regarding proposed changes to by-laws, and corporate dues were discussed.
- President described the Hawaii memento package for LCAM attendees and the giveaway (Outrigger Hotel stay).

Next Meetings:

- The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Plaza Club, 20th Floor. It will be a Business/Installation meeting.
- The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the HMSA Center.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Happy Birthday!

Lauralei Tanaka, HTH Corporation
Ada Iwasaki, SH Consulting LLC

October 10
October 16

October Membership News

Candace L.A. Chun
Office Administrator
AMEC Environment & Infrastructure, Inc.

Executive: Birte Kersting-Wilson,
Environmental Group Manager

Candace Chun is the new Office Administrator at AMEC, an engineering and project management consulting firm. Candace is replacing former AMEC representative Verrelle McElfresh. Candace is currently assisting Birte Kersting-Wilson CHMM with many different duties. She is very eager to learn and wants to excel in her position at AMEC.

Previously, Candace served on the frontline for the newly arriving military personnel at Joint Base Pearl Harbor as an Office Manager. She worked with many customers on numerous situations. She has built relations with various personnel in the military such as Generals, Commanders, Chiefs, and soldiers. She was dedicated to her position but unfortunately she was affected by the government sequester budget cuts.

Candace is very committed to her family. She always lends a helping hand to her friends. She enjoys donating her time to her community. She is actively participating in numerous youth-centered activities and health awareness events. For the past six years she has volunteered her time as a team captain for numerous Relay for Life events. She also volunteers as a coordinator for a non-profit called Making Strides Against Breast Cancer with the American Cancer Society, and served as Program coordinator for Victory over Violence. She has sponsored events and has helped to raise thousands of dollars for these non-profits throughout the State of Hawaii.

Providing assistance wherever needed brings Candace much fulfillment and she looks forward to working with the EWI team to expand her reach and further her contribution.

Candace and her husband Bryan, have a daughter, Kyra.

Candace serves on the ASIST Committee.



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DID YOU KNOW ...

There are different categories of membership within a chapter ...

Chapters shall have the following membership classifications:

A. Member Firm . A Member Firm will be non-competitive business, governmental agency, non-profit enterprise or association actively engaged in the conduct of business. Member Firms will be classified in accordance with the Major and Minor Classifications outlined in the Corporation's procedures.

(1) **Representative**. Each Member Firm will appoint at least one (1) Representative who is a key individual from the Member Firm. Each Member Firm will be entitled to recommend and appoint up to two (2) additional Representatives who are also key individuals of the same Member Firm. No individual will serve as a Representative for more than one (1) Member Firm.

(2) **Representative Status** . Representative status will cease immediately and without action of the Chapter upon termination of employment with a Member Firm.

B. Special Classifications. The following special membership classifications are authorized subject to approval by the Chapter and subject to assessment of such dues and assessments as the Chapter Board may require:

(1) **Sustaining Member**. A Sustaining Member will be an individual who has been a Representative in good standing immediately prior to retirement from a Member Firm. A Sustaining Member will have no voting rights and may not serve as an Officer or Director. A Sustaining Member may attend all membership meetings and functions. A Sustaining Member may transfer from one Chapter to another should the Sustaining Member move within the boundaries of another Chapter. A Sustaining Member will be subject to Corporate and Chapter assessments for this membership classification. Should a Sustaining Member return to full-time employment, as full-time is defined by the employer, said Sustaining Member will no longer meet the qualifications of a Sustaining Member.

(2) **Chapter Life Member**. A Chapter Life Member will be an individual not otherwise qualified for membership, who has been a Representative in good standing for at least ten (10) years, and whose name the Chapter desires to enroll because of special meritorious service above and beyond the call of duty to the Chapter. A Chapter Life Member will have no voting rights and may not serve as an Officer or Director. A Chapter Life Member may attend all membership meetings and functions. Eligibility of the prospective Chapter Life Member will be determined by the Chapter Board, subject to the approval of the Chapter. Chapter Life Members will be subject to such assessments as each Chapter may set.

(3) **Honorary Member**. An Honorary Member will be an individual not otherwise qualified for membership, whose name the Chapter desires to enroll because of special meritorious service to the community that is consistent with the mission of EWI. An Honorary Member will have no voting rights and may not serve as an Officer or Director. An Honorary Member may attend all membership meetings and functions. Eligibility of the prospective Honorary Member will be determined by the Chapter Board, subject to the approval of the Chapter. Honorary Members will not be subject to Corporate and Chapter assessment.

(4) **Transitional Member**. The Chapter Board may grant Transitional membership to an individual not otherwise qualified for membership, who has been a Representative in good standing and who has become unemployed due to elimination of job position, merger, acquisition or other legitimate business reason. Transitional membership will be in effect until such member resumes employment, but in no case will this membership extend for a period of more than one (1) year. A Transitional Member will have no voting rights and may not serve as an Officer or Director. A Transitional Member may attend all membership meetings and functions.

C. Transfers. Membership of any status referred to above, other than that of a Sustaining Member, is non-transferable.

This corner of information is to help us understand the various facets of our organization. If you have a question or suggestion for other topics, please let your Board members know and we'll be happy to share the information in future articles!

"If I Fall Apart: A Memoir of Breast Cancer and Bilateral Mastectomy" written by Karen Garcia



Six years after completing active treatment for breast cancer, EWI representative, Karen Garcia of member firm Hawaiian Electric Co., Inc., wrote "If I Fall Apart: A Memoir of Breast Cancer and Bilateral Mastectomy". Surviving changed her view of life and has led her to make bold decisions she would never have considered prior to her cancer diagnosis. Karen decided to share her story with the hope that it may help others with their own journey with breast cancer. A portion of the proceeds from each book sold will be donated to fight cancer. American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge Hawaii capital campaign will be the first recipient of the proceeds from the first 200 books sold.

"If I Fall Apart: A Memoir of Breast Cancer and Bilateral Mastectomy" is available at A Little Bit of Everything, a boutique where you can find the perfect gift! Stop by on **Friday, October 4, 2013 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm for the Pink Party!** Karen will be doing a book signing at the event. A portion of the proceeds from select items purchased at the shop (located at the Imperial Plaza, 725 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite C111) will be donated to a breast cancer charity.

For more information on Karen's book visit www.whitegingerpress.com.