

Letter from President



August is Here!

Connect – Disconnect – Reconnect... Like the circle of life, Connections include disconnections and reconnections. Have you ever started something full of enthusiasm, going gang-busters and then somewhere along the way, the energy fizzles, the momentum suddenly disappears... but then something unexpected reignites the flame and you're off again? Yes, it happens to us all and we should not feel bad when we 'lose the steam.' The down time allows for rejuvenation and for new information to be received which can lead to unexpected opportunities.

At the ASIST meeting, we were blessed with just as many guests as members in attendance. It was remarkable to see the connections and reconnections that were uncovered within the group. "You look so familiar...", "Where did we meet?", "I did not know that you knew..." could be heard again and again. And like a proud parent, my heart warmed with pride knowing that EWI was the source of these rediscovered connections. The many reconnections from this one meeting will certainly blossom into beautiful relationships ahead.

In tribute to Tracy Wong's year of 'Fresh, Fun and Present!' our Program Committee has designed a special event starting with Fresh eats and Connections at The Bistro! Downtown followed by some 'Fun' as we are sent out on a mission learning where many of our 'Careers' reside, and ending our journey with 'Presents' at Café Julia at the YWCA, home of the rich history of our 'Community' of women in leadership. Be sure to invite your friends, co-workers and business associates to be a part of the fun!

Our 18th annual golf tournament at the Hawaii Prince Golf Club is one of the most important events this year, as the monies raised will help to perpetuate our scholarship programs and Chapter operations. The tournament also provides us with additional opportunities to develop and strengthen ties with our participating members. It is the all-around FUN event! Please reach out to our Ways & Means Committee and extend your support!

It is an exciting month – we have a full plate and have a lot to look forward to so be sure to enjoy the moments!

Aloha,

Nadine Uratsuka
Accuity LLP
2012-2013 President, EWI of Honolulu

2012-2013 Officers & Directors

President

Nadine Uratsuka, Accuity, LLP

VP/President-elect

Leianne Pedro, Olsten Staffing

Secretary

Susan Miyabara, Punahou School

Treasurer

Wanda Sanchez, Bank of Hawaii

Ways & Means

Pam Unabia, Allied Builders System

Membership Director

Roseann Bronston, Archipelago Hawaii

Sergeant-at-Arms

Leah Harvell, Remington College

Programs

Rosanna Costales, Pacific Business News

EWISP Director at Large

April Tengan, Hawaii Medical Service
Association (HMSA)

Communications & Marketing Director

Kelly Nishimura, Remedy Intelligent Staffing

Appointed Positions

Advisor

Shelley Okubo, Aqua Hospitality

Bylaws/Parliamentarian

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

ASIST Chair

Karen Mendes, APP Hawaii

Philanthropy Chair

Cora Kim, Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki



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Tag...you're it!

Join EWI of Honolulu on **August 14 at 5:30 pm** for some fun and exercise as you work **your way uptown. Cost: \$32.50**

The event begins at *The Bistro!* on Merchant Street between Alakea and Bishop Streets. Dinner will be served while we fill you in on the rules of the game. The Menu...



Appetizers/Salad: Café Salad Greens, Crispy Calamari with Korean Aioli Sauce

Entrées: Flatbread Pizzas (BBQ Pork, Pepperoni, Roasted Vegetable, Spinach / Mushroom / Garlic) and Sliders (Turkey and Porky Joes)

Drinks: Fountain Sodas and Iced Teas (refillable)

After dinner, unleash your competitive skills and let the games begin...



You will be assigned a team and given a list of places to visit, and "tag", on your way to the YWCA on Richards Street where dessert and coffee awaits!

Area Parking:

Ali'i Place – 1099 Alakea Street - \$3 after 5:00 pm
 Aloha Tower – 1 Aloha Tower Drive - \$5 after 4:00 pm
 First Hawaiian Center – 999 Bishop Street - \$5 after 5:00 pm

Please contact **Leah Harvell by noon, Wednesday, August 7, 2013** at Leah.Harvell@remingtoncollege.edu or 791.9204 to RSVP your **regrets** OR if you will be bringing a guest. REMINDER: new pre-payment policy - dinner payments are due to Leah (mail to 1111 Bishop Street, Suite 400 Honolulu, HI 96813) no later than **Friday, August 9, 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, June 25, 2013
HMSA

Approval of Minutes:

- Approved the corrected minutes of the May 29, 2013 Board of Directors' meeting to reflect the resignation of Cora Kim as VP/President-elect and the appointment of Leianne Pedro as VP/President-elect.

Treasurer's Report:

- The June 2013 disbursements, including the additional check disbursement for Golf Tournament bentos, and the financial reports for May 2013 were approved.

Committee Reports:

ASIST – Karen Mendes

- Speaker: Linda Rich with Salvation Army.
- Three Finalists: \$4,000 1st place; \$3000 2nd place, and \$2000 3rd place.
- Four Semi-Finalists: Each to receive \$500.
- Judges: "ASIST" Padfolio for thank you gift.
- Event Venue: Oahu Country Club.
- Theme: "Grow"

Communications and Marketing – Kelly Nishimura

- Articles for the July Connect newsletter are due on Wednesday, June 12, 2013.
- C&M Committee selected the June 2013 Connect issue to submit for the Corporate newsletter contest.
- Committee discussed website changes.

EWISP – April Tengan

- EWISP enrollment verification form received from Kyle Cegler, Moanalua High School, 2nd place scholarship winner. Check for \$3,000 will be mailed to New York University.

Membership – Roseann Bronston

- 51 member firms, 55 reps, one sustaining, one Chapter life member.
- Board reviewed and discussed the written objections to the membership postings. Discussion was followed by Board approval to accept membership of the posted firms (Merrill Lynch, New York Life and Pacific Guardian Life).

Philanthropy – Cora Kim

- Wednesday, July 10: Collection of business attire/accessories at ASIST dinner
- Saturday, July 20, 1:00-4:00 pm Family BBQ event
- Friday, October 18, 6:00-7:30 pm October Bookfest and Reading Rally
- Friday, November 8, 6:00-7:30 pm Attitude of Gratitude Crafting
- Friday, December 6, 6:00-7:30 pm Holiday Cookie Decorating

DATES TO NOTE

August 14, 2013
Membership Meeting,
Bistro! Downtown

August 23, 2013
18th EWI Annual Golf
Tournament, Hawaii Prince
Golf Club

September 11, 2013
Business Meeting,
The Plaza Club

September 18-21, 2013
LCAM (EWI's 75th
Anniversary), San Diego,
CA

October 9, 2013
Membership Meeting,
YWCA Fuller Hall

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
Membership Meeting,
Tsukiji Fish Market &
Restaurant

December 6, 2013
Philanthropy's Holiday
Cookie Decorating,
Salvation Army Women's
Way 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Program – Rosanna Costales

- August 14, 2013 – Membership Meeting
 - Committee discussed details for August 14 membership meeting
 - Program: Meeting will begin with dinner at The Bistro! in downtown. Members will be placed in groups and sent out on a “mission”.

Sergeant-at-Arms – Leah Harvell

- There were 33 representatives, one sustaining, ten guests, and four no-shows at the June 12 membership meeting.
- 29 of 49 firms attended = 59% of firms in attendance.

Ways and Means – Pam Unabia

- Golf Tournament
 - Golf teams to date: 34 teams/108 golfers in total – consisting of two Platinum, seven Gold and 25 teams.
 - 12 teams are needed to meet the minimum required.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business to report.

New Business:

- The Board discussed updates on LCAM and the Corporate Past Presidents’ Scholarship opportunities.
- EWI Bling Polo Shirt sale proceeds have been received and credited to the general account.

Next Meetings:

- The ASIST Scholarship Awards Dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2013, at 5:30 pm at the Oahu Country Club.
- The next Board of Directors’ meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 30, 2013, at 5:30 pm at the HMSA Center Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Happy Birthday!

Cizette Sato, Island Insurance Company, Ltd.	August 2
Jane Rock, Neal S. Blaisdell Center	August 4
Leonn Kaleikini, Leonn Kaleikini	August 6
Leianne Pedro, Olsten Staffing Services	August 6
Maureen Shannon, Shannon’s Construction Services	August 6
Fay Kauanoë, Seasons Quest Insurance & Financial Services	August 13
Adele Tasaka, Hawaii Visitors & Convention Bureau	August 18
Eleanor Urakawa, Chapter Life Member	August 22
Cora Kim, Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki	August 23
Debbie Hirasaki, Business Insurance Service, Inc.	August 24



WISH LIST for our 18th Annual Golf Tournament Friday, August 23, 2013!

*3 of a kind Prizes for Golfers

*144 Promo Items for the Golfers' Goodie Bags

*Silent Auction Items

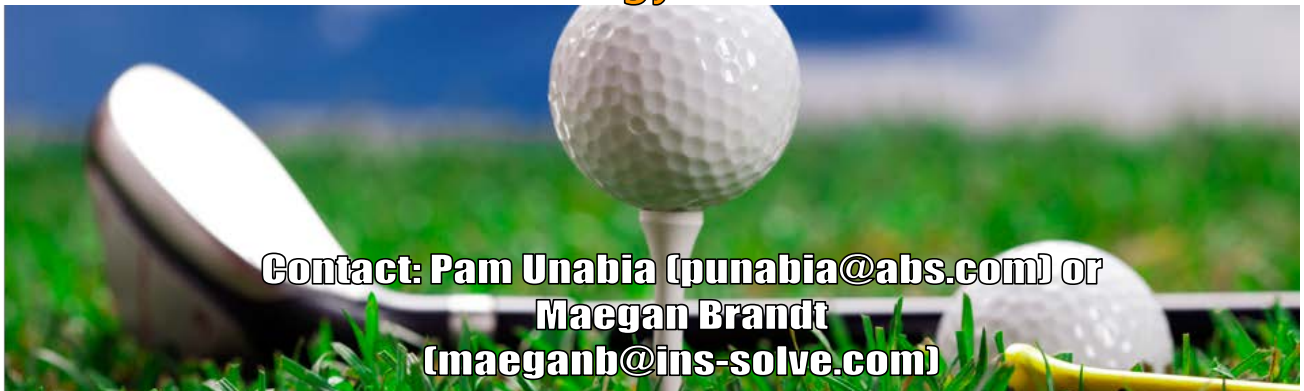
*Ice Cream

*Chips

*Candies (Snickers & Twix)

*Energy Drinks

Bring Items to the August 14 Dinner Meeting!



Contact: Pam Unabia (punabia@abs.com) or
Maegan Brandt
(maeganb@ins-solve.com)

August Membership News

Stephen Small
Executive Administrative Assistant
go! Airlines

Executive: Ronald Hee, Chief Marketing Officer

When I was first contacted by EWI I was slightly confused, being unfamiliar with the organization and being a male. As I spoke with former *go!* Airlines representative Jocelyn Palafox about EWI, I realized that becoming *go!* Airline's EWI representative was an opportunity I could not pass up.

I am a young executive assistant in every sense of the word. I am young in age and experience but I hope that my energy, as well as my work ethic, are able to compensate for my lack of familiarity as I begin my career.

I recently graduated with honors from Grand Canyon University in May 2013 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. During my college career I worked part-time and participated in many extra-curricular activities. I played collegiate golf for three years and was involved with numerous charities and mentoring programs.

During my college career, I was fortunate enough to attend UH Manoa (2011-2012). While attending UH, I also had the opportunity to work at Olomana Golf Links. While living on Oahu, I fell in love with Hawaii and the people who took me in as family. One year later, I am blessed to say I have graduated from college and was lucky enough to secure a job in Honolulu. My current position is the Executive Administrative Assistant for *go!* Airlines.

I enjoy being outside: surfing, golfing or just having fun. I am excited to start my business career here in Hawaii and so thankful to be a *go!* Airline's EWI representative at the beginning of this journey.

Stephen serves on the Ways and Means Committee.



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DID YOU KNOW ...

EWI's Standards of Excellence.

EWI developed Standards of Excellence to give vision for Chapters and provide a plan for growth. This helps to unify members and promotes clarity and consistency throughout the organization. Standards of Excellence are based on EWI's core foundation of mission, vision, and values. It is built on EWI's Three Priorities of Connections, Careers, and Community, with the goal of developing Chapters of Excellence (COE)

An "ideal" EWI Chapter meets or exceeds all of the following Standards of Excellence:

CONNECTIONS

- The Chapter sustains a minimum of 25 member firms with a net annual growth. The member firms must include a minimum of 25% each: small firms (1-25 employees); medium firms (26-99 employees); and large firms (100+ employees).
- There is member firm retention of 95% or more annually.
- The Chapter has an established monthly marketing/public relations initiative with a relevant presence in social media venues. There are visible links to all social media sites in the Chapter's EWI Connect publication submitted to Corporate and EWI Chapter websites.
- The Chapter is 100% consistent with the EWI brand in all media types from print to social media.
- The Chapter also utilizes the EWI Approved Chapter Website format.
- There is an executive engagement program that includes an Executive Advisory Board comprised of at least five member firm executives and one potential member firm executive.
- The Chapter holds an Executive Appreciation program and provides quarterly communication with all executives.
- 50% of the Chapter membership utilizes MyEWI on a monthly basis.

CAREERS

- The incoming President and Vice President attend the Leadership Caucus and Leadership Conference and Annual Meeting (LCAM).
- The Chapter Board is established following the EWI Chapter Bylaws, Article III, Chapter Board of Directors, Section 1. Number and Qualifications of Chapter Board Members.
- At least one Chapter representative serves on a Corporate Committee.
- The Chapter has a minimum of nine professional topic related programs yearly (e.g. trainings, webinars, speakers, etc).
- Financial reporting is 100% timely and the Chapter operates under a balanced budget according to the Chapter Bylaws.

COMMUNITY

- The Chapter awards at least one ASIST or EWISP scholarship annually.
- There is a community literacy initiative implemented by the Chapter annually.

EWI of Honolulu continues to strive to meet the Standards of Excellence. With your help, yes, we can!

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.

July Meeting Recap

EWI of Honolulu came together at the Oahu Country Club on July 10, 2013 to honor this year's ASIST Awardees. The evening was filled with warmth and smiling faces, as seven young women anxiously awaited the news of their scholarship award.

Guest Speaker, Ms. Linda Rich, from The Salvation Army, spoke on the topic of "GROW". From the humble beginnings of the Women's Way program to its growth today, Ms. Rich noted the many blessings from partnering with EWI of Honolulu.

The evening continued with ASIST Committee Chair, Karen Mendes, presenting the semi-finalists their awards, followed by our honorable Judges, Bob Charlet and Walter Kirimitsu presenting our finalists with their scholarship awards.

Thank you to all who made this evening possible... ASIST Committee (Karen Mendes, Akiko Sakamoto, Jasmine Mancao, Samantha Condry, Cathy Iwai and Joan Graham), Nadine Uratsuka, Wendy Abe, Julie Loo and many others.



1st Place Winner \$4,000
Judge Bob Charlet and
Angela Tuika



2nd Place Winner \$3,000
Judge Walter Kirimitsu
and Haiju Mukai



3rd Place Winner \$2,000
Melissa Lockyer



Semi-Finalists awarded \$500 each:
Olivia Santa Monica, Laura Haltom,
Elizabeth Brown and
Kahiapo Tavares.



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Report of the Nominating Committee

At our June 12, 2013 meeting, the Nominating Committee presented their proposed slate of Officers and Directors for 2013-2014. As noted below, additional nominations may be submitted up to August 12, 2013.

Honolulu Chapter - Executive Women International® PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2013-2014

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the slate of Officers and Directors for 2013-2014. All Directors serve a one-year term, except for the Vice President/President-elect, who is elected for a two-year term. All of the nominees have indicated their willingness to serve if elected.

Vice President/President-elect: Cora Kim, Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki	Program Director: Jennifer Ihara, TW Telecom
Secretary: Miki Hwang, Cowabunga! Computers	Communications & Marketing Director: Jasmine Mancao, Pacific Business News
Treasurer: Roseann Bronston, Archipelago Hawaii	Ways & Means Director: Wanda Sanchez, Bank of Hawaii
Sergeant-at-Arms: Candace Yuen, Aston Hotels & Resorts	EWI Scholarship Program Director: (director-at-large) Karen Mendes, APP Hawaii
Membership Director: Maegan Brandt, Insurance Solutions LLC	

[Leianne Pedro, Olsten Staffing & Professional Services was elected in May 2013 to replace Cora Kim, Vice President/President-elect, who voluntarily stepped down from the position for personal reasons. Leianne will be installed as President at the Chapter's September 11, 2013 meeting.](#)

Additional nominations may be submitted in writing by any five (5) representatives to Honolulu Chapter President Nadine Uratsuka by Monday, August 12, 2013, at which time all nominations are automatically closed. All nominees must indicate their willingness to serve if elected.

The election of Officers and Directors will take place at our September 11, 2013 annual business meeting.

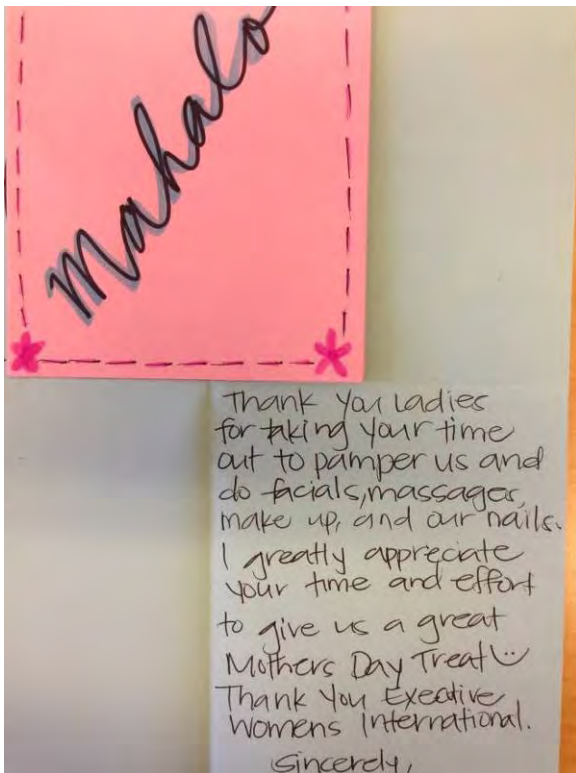


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EWI Philanthropy Committee Update!

Thank you to all who participated in the Mother's Day pampering event at the Salvation Army Women's Way program. We received numerous thank you letters from the mothers and all were grateful for our effort to give them a few hours of relaxation.

The Family BBQ picnic scheduled for Saturday, July 20, 2013 was postponed. We are awaiting details from the Women's Way program on a new date, and we will keep all of you informed as well. We will still need volunteers to help host this event.



Lastly, thank you to everyone who contributed to the business attire donation drive to benefit the Salvation Army Women's Way program. We collected business suits, handbags, accessories and toiletries to supply the women with a new look when they exit the program. We appreciate all of your support!

