

Letter from President



It is amazing to experience cycles in life. One of many life cycles I'm referring to is one that I've noticed recently from the connection through EWI in relationship to community service and my personal family. Over the past two years, I've had the privilege of participating in our chapter's annual philanthropy event: "Bingo Game" at member firm, Pearl City Nursing Home. This event takes place at the nursing home whereby our fellow EWI members and their friends and family coordinate a friendly Bingo game for the patients. It allows the patients to exercise their minds and have fun too.

For about four months last year, my mother-in-law was a patient at Pearl City Nursing Home and I was again experiencing the connection to this place having to visit her on a daily basis. I was able to meet the staff and observe the professional care and compassion they commit to patients. I'm happy to say, my mother-in-law is now back at home thanks to the excellent care she received.

On Saturday, February 6, I was back again as an EWI volunteer and I truly enjoyed participating in the Bingo games. I observed many familiar patients who I recognized from my previous visits with my mother-in-law. A lady helping her husband told me that she was glad that we were there to help. I thanked her and said I appreciated her comment. One hour in a day, can make a difference for those who require kinship and company. Who knows? Perhaps one day I might be a patient!



I'm certain that all of you have many of your own experiences with life cycles. As your circle of family, friends and business connections grow, your experiences will also increase dramatically!

Aloha,

Sheri Tamayose

President
EWI of Honolulu 2009-2010

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Happy Birthday!

Patricia Watson March 7
Julie Krucky March 31

Photos taken at the philanthropy event on February 6, 2010 at Pearl City Nursing Home:



Cathy Iwai and Patient



Volunteers and Patients



*Front row: April Tengan (HMSA), Kylie Uratsuka (Nadine Uratsuka's daughter), KaNoi Lam (UBS Financial Services), Caitlyn Nishimura (Joyce Nishimura's daughter), Cathy Iwai (Pearl City Nursing Home), Adele Tsukamoto (Castle & Cooke) and Joyce Nishimura (First Insurance Co. of Hawaii)
Back row: Nadine Uratsuka (Accuity, LLP), Dee Fujii (CQ Communications), Sheri Tamayose (First Hawaiian Bank), June Takekawa (Island Movers) and Brenda Kanno (The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii)*



CONNECTIONS | CAREERS | COMMUNITY

Executive Women International® Honolulu Chapter
Wednesday, March 10, 2010

THE ULTIMATE BUSINESS MEETING

Waialae Country Club
Diamond Head Room
4997 Kahala Avenue



New Year ... New Look ... New Time

5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Jewelry Show and Mini Makeovers
6:20 p.m. Dinner and Business Meeting

Start the New Year off with a blast! Shop for the perfect jewelry and get tips from EWI's very own, makeup artist Maegan Brandt.

Nadine Uratsuka, Tessa Ahsing
and former EWI member Fran Takemoto
will be selling their one-of-a-kind handmade jewelry.

Dinner Menu

Caesar Salad

Duo of

*Braised Island Style Beef Short Ribs with ume red wine sauce
and Broiled Wild Alaskan Salmon*

Potatoes

Vegetables du jour

Rolls and butter

Sorbet

Vegetarian Option

*Stuffed Portobello Mushroom with brown rice,
tofu, bell peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, asparagus in balsamic glaze*

Cost: \$35 per person

Free parking

Please RSVP if you will NOT be attending or if you are bringing a guest to Cora Kim by noon, Wednesday, March 3 via email chkim@hiprince.com or phone 943-4147.

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 the RSVP deadline if you are not able to attend. You will be billed for any missed meetings unless prior notice is received.

Honolulu Chapter Board Meeting Highlights

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

First Hawaiian Bank, 28th Floor Conference Room

President Sherilyn Tamayose called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the December 9, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting were corrected and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

As of November 2009, account balances (unaudited) were as follows:

General Operating Account:	\$65,399.04
B/C/D/P Account:	\$27,218.57

As of December 2009, account balances (unaudited) were as follows:

General Operating Account:	\$70,401.08
B/C/D/P Account:	\$27,569.74

Committee Reports:

ASIST

- Scholarship applications have been distributed to the schools. The deadline for application submission is April 16th, 2010.
- The committee will be selecting the semi-finalists by May 7th, and the semi-finalists will interview with the judges on May, 21st. The deadline for corporate submissions is July 1st.
- Board approved the Sheraton Waikiki as the venue for the ASIST Awards Banquet to be held on July 14th.
- The number of scholarships and the amount to be awarded per scholarship has yet to be determined by the committee.
- Mary Beth Lohman, Publisher of member firm PBN, has accepted to be a judge. Judge Mike Town has accepted, but has yet to confirm dates. The committee is seeking suggestions for additional judges.
- The next meeting will be held on February 17th at the Sheraton Waikiki.

Communications and Marketing

- Susan Tanigawa will handle the website updates.
- Michelle reiterated the need for articles and reminded all of the submission deadlines.
- There was an expressed interest to create a Facebook page for EWI of Honolulu to promote and recruit member firms.

EWISP

- Brenda Kanno reported for the committee.
- Judges have been selected.
- The EWISP Awards Dinner theme is Scholarship Scrabble.

Membership

- Report given by Shelley Okubo.
- There are currently five prospective member firms: IBM Corporation, The Office Team, Aloha Data Services, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, and Neal Blaisdell Center.
- We are awaiting a check from prospective member firm, The Wedding Ring Shop.
- Naomi Amuro recently participated in a conference call for Membership Directors. The following were issues discussed: Ensuring time for members to network at all meetings, providing mentors for members who need further coaching on networking, sharing the EWI Connect with company executives, and ways to retain current members.
- The next committee meeting will be on February 3rd.

Philanthropy

- The next event will be Bingo at the Pearl City Nursing Home on Saturday, February 6. There are a total of 10 volunteers and EWI members have donated items for prizes.

- The committee will be stressing the importance of member participation.
- Focus will be given to two events: Susan G. Komen - Making Strides with Breast Cancer and Reading Rally. Ka Noi Lam will coordinate the Making Strides for Breast Cancer event. April Tengan will research holding the Reading Rally within Kahala Mall to encourage an even bigger event.
- The next meeting is scheduled for February 22nd, 5:30p.m., at CQ Communications.

Program

- Board approved the March 10 Business Meeting venue to be the Waialae Country Club.

Sergeant-at-Arms

- There were 28 member representatives, 9 guests, and 2 no shows at the December 2nd Business Meeting held at the Honolulu Country Club.
- 59% member representative attendance compared to last year's 46%.

Ways & Means

- Report given by Valarie Tanaka.
- Tournament applications will be printed and mailed next month.
- There will be three sponsorship levels: \$2,500 – Platinum Sponsor of which \$1,200 tax deductible, \$1,000 – Gold Sponsor of which \$500 tax deductible, and \$600 – Team of Three Golfers of which \$225 tax deductible.

Unfinished Business:

Membership Renewals

- 2010 membership renewals completed with the following results: 42 member representatives, 38 member firms, and 3 sustaining members
- A total of 6 member firms did not renew for year 2010. The board recognized the following firms for their years of dedication and support to EWI: Island Treats Creations (Merryl Iraha), Sirius Puppy Training & Behavioral Consulting (Kathleen Chin), Communications Pacific (Sheila Sanders), Better Business Bureau (Bonnie Horibata), Meadow Gold Dairies (Denise Sasaki), and UBS Financial Services, Inc. (KaNoi Lam). The board also noted that Hollie Amano of Central Pacific Bank did not renew her membership for year 2010 but Joann Shigeta still remains an active member representative of Central Pacific Bank.

2009 Chapter Files to Corporate Office

- As required by the corporate office new Records and Retention Schedule, board members were reminded to prepare and gather their respective records after year end 2009 and provide Zenaida Caraang with 2 CD-ROM copies. Zenaida will mail one set of CD-ROM copies to the corporate office as mandated for disaster recovery purposes, while maintaining the other set locally.

Storage

- Sheri is still in the process of quantifying the number of pages we would need to archive to obtain price quotes.

New Business:

- **Ad Hoc Committee – Valarie Tanaka**
 - Ideas for possible fundraising will be presented to board at next meeting for approval.
 - Ad Hoc Committee will work with Membership to coordinate a possible networking event to be held at the home of Natalie Young-Aranita (Val's sister.)
- The board was informed of the passing of the late Stella Kutaka, former Member Representative of past Member Firm Kamehameha Schools. The chapter will send a sympathy card with a message of condolence to the Kutaka Family.

Announcements:

- The next Membership meeting: Wednesday, February 10, 5:30p.m., at the Hawaii Prince Hotel, Haleakala/Kilauea Room.
- The next Board of Directors meeting: Wednesday, February 24, 5:30p.m., at the First Hawaiian Center, 28th floor Conference Room.

Adjournment: 7:34 p.m.

EWI Membership Meeting - Firm Night: Seasons Quest Insurance and Financial Services

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Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki
February 10, 2010

President Sheri Tamayose, representing member firm First Hawaiian Bank, opened the meeting by introducing the guests: George Nabeshima, President of Season's Quest Insurance and Financial Services (guest speaker), Susan Uyetake, Director of Sales for Hawai'i Prince Hotel Waikiki (guest of Cora Kim), Velma Hulihe'e-Carstensen, Sales and Marketing Manager for Morton's, The Steakhouse (guest of Fay Kauanoë), Beulah Olanolan, VP Commercial Banking for Bank of Hawai'i (guest of Fay Kauanoë) and Susan Ho, Staffing Manager for The Office Team, a prospective new member.

Cora Kim, representative for The Hawai'i Prince Hotel Waikiki, shared some interesting facts about Chinese New Year and predictions for the year of the tiger as the "Thought of the Day."

We were treated to a special four course dinner thanks to our friends at the Hawai'i Prince Hotel.

Fay Kauanoë, representative for Season's Quest Insurance and Financial Services, introduced her executive, George Nabeshima, our speaker for the evening. George started off by explaining that he practices "financial planning" as opposed to "financial sales." His approach is to focus on the individual and determine what is important to that person. His clients' needs fall into three categories:

- Manage their wealth
- Protect their wealth
- Grow their wealth

George pointed out that being wealthy is a behavior. There is tangible wealth such as cars, homes and material things. Then there is intangible wealth which equates to behaviors such as accountability, discipline, responsibility and caring for your loved ones. He believes that when a person develops intangible wealth, it will eventually lead to tangible wealth.

He also stressed that we should take care of our families and assets by making sure that we are adequately insured.

- House and cars – covered by property and casualty insurance
- Assets – covered by long term care insurance
- Paycheck – covered by disability insurance
- Family – covered by life insurance

Adequate financial planning is even more important since Medicare will be insolvent within the next seven years and Social Security will run out of money within the next twenty seven years!

Our thanks go to George, for sharing his professional insights and wisdom with our membership.

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.

Important Dates

March 10:	Business Meeting – Waialae Country Club Deadline to submit articles for the April Connect
April 14:	Membership Meeting – Stage Restaurant Deadline to submit articles for the May Connect
May 12:	EWISP Dinner Deadline to submit articles for the June Connect
June 9:	Business Meeting Deadline to submit articles for the July Connect
July 14:	ASIST Dinner – Sheraton Waikiki Deadline to submit articles for the August Connect
August 11:	Membership Meeting Deadline to submit articles for the September Connect
August 27:	EWI Golf Tournament
September 8:	Membership Meeting Deadline to submit articles for the October Connect
October 13:	Installation of New Board Members

Introducing New Member:

ALOHA DATA SERVICES, INC.

Name of Executive/Title: Ms. Ina Chang, President
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Major Classification: Storage
 Minor Classification: Document Storage and Records Management
 Founded in 2001 (8 years in business); 10 employees

A local firm specializing in document scanning, electronic records management, data conversion and data capture. With latest technologies, they help customers capture large volumes of records into electronic format (OMR and OCR) and set up online data retrieval systems. They also assist customers to convert audio and video media (cassette tape, MP3, VHS) to CD and/or DVD as well as scan slides and negatives to digital images.

Committee Assignment: Communications & Marketing

[Members, please update your rosters.]