

## President's Message



Firstly, I would like to thank former President Shelley Okubo for persistently recruiting me to step up for Vice President/President Elect. Here we are, a year later at the 2011-2012 Board of Directors Installation. The theme was “Fun, Fresh, Present,” with an emphasis on PRESENT.

THANK YOU for being PRESENT. The committee commercials were incredible! Creativity and energy filled the room as we engaged the audience to participate. I tried to explain the evening to my parents, but couldn't quite recreate the dynamic membership experience. Replaying the promotional video clearly reinforced why we belong to EWI.

Reflect on the past year and think of moments you were grateful for. What experiences had an emotional impact? How did you feel? Who shared that moment with you? What if you had missed it?

I was so glad to hear Dawn O'Brien speak at the ASIST dinner. Reading Dawn's story would have been different. I would have missed her voice, the emotions revealed, and the impact left on my heart. I may have missed the inspiration needed on that day. Would I have missed the information exchanged from Miki Hwang as we walked to our cars? Maybe Miki would have told me that later. But was it Dawn's story that prompted me to ask? I thank God I was present but I regret not asking my nieces Lauren and Erin to be present.

Make it a priority to attend EWI meetings the second Wednesday of every month. Commit to networking from 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Challenge yourself to learn a tidbit about each EWI member. Be prepared to evolve into the incredible individual you already are. EWI is that platform. In EWI you can expand your horizons, develop skills previously not considered, learn from mistakes, and nurture lasting friendships. What you can expect from this term is to be called on to participate.

Ask yourself, “What will it take for me to step up to coordinate an event, ask my boss to be present at a scholarship dinner, serve on the Board of Directors, or say YES to the position of VP/President Elect?” What motivates you? What opportunities have you passed on? Did you get a second chance?

Quoted from the movie STEP UP....

“People dance because dance can change things. One move can bring people together. One move can make you believe like there's something more. One move can set a whole generation free.”

Let's continue the party and dance together to new heights.....

*Tracy Wong*

President  
EWI of Honolulu 2011-2012

# **~Fresh~Fun~Present~**

**Executive Women International®  
Honolulu Chapter**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2011  
Royal Garden at Ala Moana Hotel**



**5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Registration – Networking  
6:00 p.m. Dinner – Program**

## **Dinner Menu**

**Diced Winter Melon with Crab Meat Soup  
Sautéed Fresh Scallop with Broccoli  
Assorted Tofu and Vegetables  
Crispy Roast Chicken (Hong Kong Style)  
Sautéed Fish Fillet with Vegetables  
Fried Rice in Pineapple Boat  
Dessert  
Water and Hot Tea**

**Cost: \$31 per person**

**Parking: FREE at Ala Moana Shopping Center**

**Please contact Debbie Hirasaki by noon, Wednesday, October 5, 2011  
via e-mail to [dyoshida@bisihi.com](mailto:dyoshida@bisihi.com) or call 592-5006 to RSVP.**

**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, August 29, 2011**

**Insurance Solutions LLC, Suite 1711 Conference Room**

### **Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the July 27, 2011 Board of Directors meeting were approved as published.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

A motion was made and seconded to accept the August 2011 disbursements.

The board discussed the general excise tax issue and the MidWeek Magazine article.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **ASIST**

- ASIST Budget - \$10,300.00
  - Expenses - \$10,105.54
  - Remaining Balance - \$194.44
- Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau donated four glass vases for centerpieces and four crystal vases for judges and speaker gifts.

#### **Communications and Marketing**

- Articles for the October newsletter are due by Wednesday, September 14, 2011.
- The October newsletter will be released on Friday, September 30, 2011.

#### **Membership**

- 45 Member Firms (as of August 29, 2011)
- 47 Representatives
- 1 Sustaining Members
- 1 Life Chapter Member

#### **Philanthropy**

- Birthdays for Homeless Children - August 26, 2011 at the Next Step Kakaako Shelter went very well and everyone at the shelter was very appreciative of the party.
- Reading Rally - October 29, 2011 at the Honolulu Zoo.

#### **Program**

- The October meeting will be held at Royal Garden at the Ala Moana Hotel.

### CHAPTER BOARD

**Tracy Wong**, President  
Insurance Solutions

**Vacant**, VP/President-elect

**April Tengan**, Secretary  
Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA)

**Wanda Sanchez**, Treasurer  
Bank of Hawaii

**Debbie Hirasaki**, Sergeant-at-Arms  
Business Insurance Services, Inc.

**Leianne Pedro**, Membership Director  
Pacific Business News

**Adele Tasaka**, Program Director  
Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau

**Cora Kim**,  
Communications & Marketing Director  
Hawaii Prince Hotel Waikiki

**Maegan Brandt**, Ways & Means Director  
Insurance Solutions

**Jane Rock**, EWISP Director-at-Large  
Neal S. Blaisdell Center

### APPOINTED POSITIONS

**Shelley Okubo**, Advisor  
Aqua Hotels & Resorts

**Brenda Kanno**, Bylaws/Parliamentarian  
Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

**Wendy Kia**, ASIST Chair  
Marie Louise Fine Garment Cleaners

**Lauralei Tanaka**, Philanthropy Chair  
HTH Corporation

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**Sergeant-at-Arms**

- There were 16 representatives, 9 guests and 4 no-shows at the August 10, 2011 meeting held at the Hilton Waikiki Beach Hotel.
- 36% member representative attendance compared to 60% in August 2010.

**Ways & Means**

- As of August 29, 2011, 24 more golfers needed.
- Prizes and donations
  - Hawaii Convention Center donated reversible bags.
  - Menehune Water will donate 15 cases of water.
  - Brenda Kanno will donate power drinks.
  - Kay Sasaki will donate four cases of Diet Coke and one case of regular Coke.
  - Nadine Uratsuka and Susan Tanigawa will donate candies.
  - Dee Fujii will donate walkie talkies.
  - Direct donations to B/C/DP will be designated as Diamond Donors.
- Games and Hole-in-Ones
  - “On/Off Green” game on the par 3 holes. Awards will be determined by pulling a ticket.
  - The Past-Presidents’ Hole-in-One will be on A-3.
  - Acura will provide a prize package for a Hole-in-One.
  - Mercedes will provide a car for a Hole-in-One.
- Other
  - Twenty-four volunteers confirmed.
  - HMSA to print thank you notes to be included with golfers’ goodie bags.
  - Cathy Iwai, Shelley Okubo and Lois Asato will be interviewed by MidWeek Magazine regarding EWI’s scholarship programs and the golf tournament.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Women’s Leadership Conference on September 20, 2011 - Nine members and one guest (paid by HTH Corporation) will attend the conference.

**New Business:**

- Women’s Leadership Conference - President Shelley Okubo will email membership regarding the event.

**Announcements:**

- The next membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at 3660 on the Rise.
- The next board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the Insurance Solutions LLC Conference Room.

**Adjournment:** 6:38 p.m.

## Downtown Lunch Bunch



L to R: Wanda Sanchez, Ina Chang, Leona Hee, Leianne Pedro, Sheri Tamayose and Star Miranda.

On Monday, August 29, 2011, EWI of Honolulu held a “Lunch Bunch” gathering at The Mandalay Restaurant in downtown Honolulu. Member representatives shared information on recent and upcoming EWI events such as the Birthday Event at the Next Step Shelter and Reading Rally to be held at the Honolulu Zoo. It was also a good time for new member reps to get to know about EWI from the seasoned members while dining on the fine cuisine of the restaurant.

*By Sheri Tamayose*

Welcome new members Roseann Bronston of Archipelago Hawaii, Rosanna Costales of Pacific Business News and Joyce Gooman of Lamination House. Be sure to introduce yourselves to them and share your warm EWI aloha!

### Important Dates

- Oct 12 : Membership meeting 5:30pm at Royal Garden at Ala Moana Hotel
- Oct 26: Board of Directors meeting 5:30pm at Insurance Solutions LLC

### Happy Birthday!

Lauralei Tanaka October 10  
Ada Iwasaki October 16



### 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.