

'Onipa'a Chapter
May 16, 2002 Meeting
Buzz's Steak House, Pearl City

Meeting called to order by Vice President Jo Miguel-Segovia at 6:23 p.m. Kay Ono led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation. A special Prayer was said for Chapter Members Katherine Kam and Doris Okimoto, who are ill. There were twenty-one Chapter Members and nine guests. The guests were introduced: Richard Hernandez (Cindy Caswell), Leslie and David Hallasey (visiting from Punahale Chapter), Thrina Arcamo (Bessie Obra's sister), Abbi Dayna Dela Cruz and Amanda Lau (scholarship recipients, Melvin Lau (father of Amanda), and Lei Ohama Rol (guest speaker).

We all enjoyed the big salad bar, grilled sourdough bread, and entrees for dinner.

After dinner, Education Chair, Sharon Elwell gave a brief overview of the selection process. We had 78 applications, 26 of which were incomplete for one reason or another. There was a wide range of grade-point averages and other scholarships being received was a consideration. Finally the hard-working committee narrowed it down to fifteen applicants. Both our winners came out tied for first place. Sharon then introduced our scholarship recipients and mentioned that both of them have finals tomorrow!

Abbi Dayna Dela Cruz was one of our recipients last year. She expressed her heartfelt thanks and gave us an update of her activities. She has joined Beta Gamma Sigma and the Mortar Board for the Senior Class, as well as working with handicapped children. She is also working for a CPA firm, doing taxes and general accounting. Abbi will graduate in December 2002 with a degree in Finance and high hopes of finding employment. (Chances of finding a job are much better in December than in June.) Abbi's check will be sent to the Financial Aid office at UH.

Amanda Lau a McKinley High School graduate, has just finished her Freshman year, majoring in Management Information Systems. She has been interested in computers and business since high school. Amanda gave us a big thank you! Her check will also be sent to the Financial Aid office at UH.

Program Chair Pat Yuen introduced our guest speaker, Lei Ohama Rol, Fundraising Chairperson for the Hawaii Children's Cancer Foundation (HCCF) and also a student at UH in communications. Lei had a career as a mortgage banker with Bank of Hawaii for twenty years, starting out as a Loan Officer and working her way up to Vice President. She thought that that's what she wanted for a career, but found it wasn't. She wanted to give back to the community and has been with HCCF for six years. It has been very rewarding. When there is a challenge, the right help seems to appear. "You need to have vision and the goal will carry you along. You will do whatever it takes to get to your goal!" Lei is passionate and energetic about her work. She is also looking for volunteers for next year's Keiki Fun Run ('Onipa'a members take note.)

Pat Yuen present Lei Ohama Rol with a certificate of appreciation from the chapter.

Just notes from here:

We did birthdays: Cindy Harris and Linda Ridgeway.

Secretaries minutes accepted by motion & vote.

Treasurers report accepted subject to audit.

Ways Means: Bowling final net profit \$2502.86.

Hospitality: Fun Night Sat. June 22. \$8 Sea Life Park. \$8 dinner at Ressies – please
sign up. Meet SLP at 1 p.m.

Reminder – pay your dues.

Meeting closed

Sheila O. Benediction.

End 8:28 p.m.

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