HAWAII PSW and PNW SPRING FORUM 2024

DATE: MAY 8TH – MAY 10TH

WHERE: ALA MOANA HOTEL, OAHU, HAWAII

ATTENDACE: 12 MEMBERS, 1 NON VOTING MEMBER = 13

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY

FLEW IN AROUND 10:30AM AND WENT OT HOTEL.

CHECKED IN AT REGISTRATION, SUPER CUTE TOTES AND LANYARDS WERE GIVEN TO US WITH GOODIES AND A BOTTLE OF WATER.

WE HAD LUNCH ON OUR OWN AND WALKED AROUND

ATTENDED THE B.R.A.V.E TALK WITH JULIE SALINAS

SHE SHARED HER STORY OF BECOMING CLEAN FROM DRINKING AND HOW SHES BECOME THE WOMEN SHE IS TODAY.

THEN ATTENDED THE WELCOME PARTY WITH YUMMY FOOD AND PLAYED SOME GAMES. I COMPLETED THE “PICTURE ON PHONE” GAME AND MEET SOME NEW LADIES.

DAY 2 – THURSDAY

WENT TO BREAKFAST AND LISTEN TO THE WELCOME SPEECH FROM THE MAYOR OF OAHU, WHICH HE WAS VERY IMFORMATIVE ABOUT THE ISLAND AND ALL FOR THE WOMEN IN CONSTRUCATION! WHOOHOO!

LISTENED TO OUR MORNING OPENING SPEAKER- OVERCOMING ADVERSITY BY CHRISTINE CAMP

SHES DEVELOPED SO MANY HOMES AND HAS GIVEN SO MANY PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE STRESS FREE AND LIVE IN AFFORABLE HOUSING ALL OVER THE ISLAND. SHE IS VERY WELL KNOWN AROUND THE ISLAND FOR HER WORK ETHICS AND CONTINUES TO HELP PEOPLE WHO ARE LESS FORTUNATE TO HAVE A HOME.

HAD QUICK JOINT MEETING BUSINESS

THEN WENT TO LUNCH. THE LUNCH SPEAKER WAS NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT SO OUR GIRL MISHA SHARED HER STORY AND ROCKED IT! SHE SHARED “HER STORY” OF BECOMING WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION AND RUNNING HER FAMILY BUSINESS. AWESOME!!

AFETR THAT, WE LISTENED TO A PANEL CALLED “ISOLATED REALITIES: CULTURAL AND LOGISTCAL PROJECT CHALLENGES”. THIS WAS FOCUSED ON HAWAII AND ALASKA. HOW WEATHER CONDITIONS AND IMPORTS OF MATERIAL/MACHINES PLAY A BIG PART OF THE WORK ROUTINE. THE RULES OF SACRED GROUNDS BEING WORKED ON AND ALL THE RULES THEY HAVE TO FOLLOW WITH THAT.

THEN WE LISTENED TO SOME NATION AND REGINAL CONDIDATE SPEECHES

AND WE WERE ON OUR OWN FOR THE REST OF THE NIGHT!

DAY 3 – FRIDAY

WENT TO BREAKFAST AND WENT OVER SOME JOINT MEETING BUSINESS.

LISTEN TO A PANEL CALLED “WORKING MOTHERS AND CAREGIVERS”

SHAWNA FROM OUR CHAPTER WAS ON THAT PANEL.

HOW THEY BALANCE WORK AND MOTHERHOOD. THE OBSTICLES THEY OVER CAME AND CHALLENGES.

WENT TO LUNCH AND LISTEN TO A SUPER INTERESTING SPEAKER AND FOUND OUT OUR “SUPERPOWER”

BOTH REGIONS HAD THERE OUR BUSINESS DISSUCSION IN DIFFERENT ROOMS.

AFTER, WE HAD BANQUET; WHERE EVERYONE DRESSED UP IN ALOHA ATTIRE.

WE WATCH DRAGON DANCING AND TAIKO DRUMS PERFORM.

AND ENDED THE NIGHT LISTENING TO DJ AND DANCING!