Spring Forum 2024

Hawaii

Spring Forum 2024 was a great experience. The first ever joint Pacific Southwest and Pacific Northwest Region together for 3-days. A big thank you to the NAWIC Hawaii Chapter 114 for hosting these remarkable events. It was a great opportunity for the NAWIC Silicon members to make some amazing connections from all over the region.

Day One, Wednesday, was exciting, I went to the First Timers Meeting with National President Karen Hager. It was an awesome introduction. Later, we enjoyed ourselves at the Welcome Party. We got to hear Alissa Bautista tell us her inspiring story on how she overcame her challenges as a young female professional in the construction world. It was amazing to see how she is responsible for Rosendin Hawaii division preconstruction activities. We look forward to seeing more of her and the projects that she is currently working on, like the 324-unit affordable housing development in Maui.

Day Two, Thursday, was a surprise, we had one of our own chapter members step up as a last-minute speaker. Misha Homara told HerStory on her struggles and how she overcame them. She gave key points on how to trust yourself, challenge yourself, and compare your journey to others. We are very fortunate to have Misha in our chapter and are extremely proud of all her accomplishments. We are excited to continue to see Misha succeed in our industry.

Day Three, Friday, was amazing. We got to hear from the Panel: Working Mothers and Caregivers. Our own member, Shawna Alvarado, told us how she did it; being a mom, raising children, running a family-owned company, and being part of NAWIC. It was truly inspiring to see how strong woman are, how we can really do it all.

On Friday we also got to hear from Alice Inoue. She gave an amazing presentation on “What is Your Superpower”. We took an assessment test prior to her presentation. An Assessment used by local organizations and global corporations such as McDonald’s. These assessments give insights and clarity to the type of person you are and those who take it. Infusing positivity, enhancing communication, and minimizing conflict daily. Discovering your Integrated Archetype is like finding your personality’s innate superpower. Alice had us engaged throughout the entire presentation. She explained our results/superpowers and we got to compare them to each other. Results using elements such as water, wood, fire, earth, and metal. Tuns out Angie Ramos and I are both “Fire / Wood” “The Spontaneous Initiators” aka the Inspired Trailblazer and The Optimistic Doer.

Her presentation taught us all how relationships work best when you understand the elements of others.

Spring Forum 2024 was one for the books. There were many great speakers with great topics, but we also took care of business, talking about future plans for the committees and much more. Stay tuned to see what NAWIC is working on. It's great to see how passionate our members are about this non-profit organization. I highly recommend attending NAWIC functions, there is so much to learn and many people ready to inspire you.

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