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REINBRUISMENT REPORT

MAY 8TH THRU MAY 10TH

We traveled 3 of us together, Marlene, Shawna and Kayla, 3 generations of Nawic's!

This was close to at least 40 years of Nawic, Meetings for me, and I never get bored of them, you learn at everyone of them something. Hawaii, can't miss that one! The truth of the matter is I did miss the sand, water and touring the Island. It was a very busy 3 day's.

We started with lunch on our own, and then the first thing we went to was, B.R.A.V.E. Talk giving by our Region Director, Julie Salinas! She told us her story, the which was a real hard story to hear but a remarkable outcome of strength and courage and a very successful ending and she did overcome, and hopefully helped some along the way. Then a few of the members told a little about their stories, very interested a uplifting talks.

We then had our Welcome Party, with a great buffet display, and games and fun times with all our Nawic sister, from all other area's. Long day with 6 hours of flying , we went to bed early!

Thursday May 9th

Started day with a lovely Breakfast Buffet, meeting started at 8:30 am we were welcomed by Lauri Maikui Hawaii Chapter #114 , then the Hawaii Mayor, to follow by a excellent speaker, Christine Camp, who spoke on Overcoming Adversity, she was so interesting and a little humor thrown into her speech was keeping us awake. She is a very talented lady who is very well known on the Island for helping many get ahead in their lives.

That was followed by our joint Business meeting, again very interesting. Which was followed by our NEF Lunch fund raiser. Also another speaker, Manu Bermudes, from the Hawaii Gas Co.

A panel was the next item and we learned a little about how they get there supplies and it's now cheap or easy living on a Island and not easy getting everything they need and they are

paying top dollar for Construction, gas , food and everythbing is brought to them by ships, Good panel discusstions . The panel was made up by 5 woman all very knowledgeable and so interesting.

We then had the speeches of the ladies running for National Board, some in person others on screen. Sad to say we just do not have a duel slate, it use to be we always did . I am not a voting member anymore at 85 I am a retired member which does not give a vote. I am still active and go to all meetings and Convention! I will be at Houston, Tx.

This evening was our only free time, we went to the mall outside the hotel, Ala Moana Mall, and had a fantastic Mai Tai and appetizers, Laura joined us and we had a very nice time.

I missed a very important speaker! Our own Misha , shared her story, as a lunch speaker was not able to make it and Misha filled in and did a terrific job and I was so proud of her ability to fill in at the last minute! Good job Misha!

Friday, May 9th

All our meals were Buffet, I did not like that as I like to be served, but it's cheaper that way so that's what we had!

Except I do like the breakfast buffet, and then we had a joint meeting which cover quit a bit!

The next panel was one of my favorites as my daughter, Shawna was on it, Working Mothers and Caregivers! It was good and everyone did a great job, the problem now at days all families must work as living expenses are so high! The panel was again made up 6 people all very different lifestyles it seem to me. They all managed to work and have fun with their children or care person and enjoy then jobs.

Next we had lunch and a final speaker, Alice Inoue who spoke on "What is your Superpower" Audience participation! Always fun,

Banquet was Hawaiian Dress and entertainment was great. We had Lion Dance, there were three lions and when we entered the room they gave us Red Envelopes, Yes to put money into to feed the Lions. It was fun and very talented lions. Next, Taiko Drums who played so well I could of listen to them longer. We had our Northwest picture taken and the dancing went on long after I left!

A very nice Forum, Shawna and Kayla stayed until Monday and enjoyed the Island, I left Saturday, morning to spend Mother's Day, with my two sons and 2 grandsons!