



On the Horizon: HLHF Expo, 45th Bosses' Night Celebration

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With the year already halfway through, there are two key events coming up that will see heavy attendance.

The 19th annual Hawaii Lodging, Hospitality & Foodservice (HLHF) Expo will be on Wednesday and Thursday, July 10-11, at the Neal S. Blaisdell Center. Both the exhibition hall and arena will feature more than 200 vendors showcasing their newest products and services. This is a must-attend event for all professionals in the hospitality industry.

Our Hawaii Chapter will have a booth at the expo this year, and we are seeking volunteers to work in the booth to assist with distributing resource and educational materials and potential member recruitment. Please contact Rose Galera at galerar002@hawaii.rr.com for more information and available timeframes.

Since last year's bosses' night event was sold out, we are looking to see an even

larger crowd for the upcoming gathering. "The Golden Age of Waikiki" is this year's theme, and the function will be at the Pomaikai Ballrooms, formerly known as the Dole Cannery Ballrooms in Iwilei. Save the date—Friday, Oct. 11, 2013—the festivities will start at 6 p.m. Invitations will be disbursed at our next chapter meeting, and mailed out to those who are unable to attend. Local group Kapena will be performing, and our silent auction returns again for another year.

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The next Oahu meeting will be at the Ohana East on Wednesday, July 17, at 10 a.m. To RSVP, please email veronica.mayer@astonhotels.com or call 808-469-9125. Madeline Chang, director of housekeeping from Aston Waikiki Sunset, will discuss succession planning.

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