



## Come and Join Us!

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The Hawaii chapter has planned several events that offer excellent opportunities for camaraderie and professional growth during these last four months of 2011. Starting in September is International Housekeepers Week, the week of Sept. 11-17. This is the perfect time for hotels and facilities to give thanks to their housekeeping departments, and many properties will celebrate with games, food and fun. We will be celebrating Housekeepers Week at our general membership meeting, Sept. 14, with games, a bento lunch and an educational program on the topics of sustainability and environmental protection.

Following in October is our not-to-be-missed Bosses' Night celebration, Oct. 7. This year we take a step back in time and revisit the days of the Hawaiian paniolo. Taking us along this journey will be Hawaii's first lady of country and Na Hoku Hanohano lifetime

achievement award recipient Melveen Leed, our headliner of the evening. Also joining us is morning radio star Frank B. Shaner of 94.7 KUMU as the master of ceremonies. The cost per person is \$58, and everyone is invited to attend. Call Ivy Kwok at (808) 921-9710 for reservation details.

On Nov. 2, the Hawaii chapter is co-hosting a hospitality job fair at the McKinley Adult Education School. This event will include an industry panel discussion, exhibition and an opportunity for the industry to reach out to more than 200 adult students for frontline hotel positions.

Last but not least is our December general membership meeting, which is being combined with our Christmas celebration this year, due to a rescheduling of our calendar to accommodate APEC. This event, Dec. 7, features a timely program on enhancing guest relations and services for Chinese visitors.

Please visit our frequently updated web site, [www.hawaii-ieha.org](http://www.hawaii-ieha.org), or call Chapter President Rose Galera at (808) 678-8021 or Chapter Secretary Veronica Mayer at (808) 371-8345 for more information about any of these events. We hope to see you there! H