# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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Luncheon / Meeting March 3, 2011 Waikiki Yacht Club

11:00 A.M. Social Hour 11:30 A.M. Meeting 12:00 Noon Lunch 12:30 P.M. Speaker



Menu Scallop Egg Drop Soup

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea

**Apple Pie** 

Reservations/Cancellations **Cindy Vaillancourt 703-597-6004** CC.Vaillancourt@gmail.com Or www.oahuleague.homestead.com

Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Thursday, February 24th - 12 noon. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved. No Shows will be charged for their lunch. Please - no walk-ins.

### Guest Speaker Ann Kobayashi

Graduated from Roosevelt HS, and Northwestern University. She has dedicated her life to public service starting in 1971, in Senator Eureka Forbes' office, moving on to be an Administrative Assistant to Senator Wadsworth Yee from 1975-1979 when se ran and won election as a State Senator serving from 1980 to 1994. She was the Executive Assistant to the Mayor for the City and County from 1994 to 1997, moved to be Special



Assistant to the Governor from 1997 to 2002. She ran for City Council in 2002, a seat she still holds today.

Ann has received awards for Community Service, including Legislator of the Year from numerous organizations. She has been a member or served on the board of many groups, including

Hawaii Lupus Foundation - Board of Governors Hawaiian Lifeguard Association - Board of Directors American Red Cross - Board of Directors Boys and Girls Club of Honolulu - Board of Director Catholic Charities - Board of Directors Domestic Violence Clearinghouse & Legal Hotline - Board of Director Honolulu Police Commission - Past Member Lyon Arboretum Manoa Neighborhood Board - Past Chair and Member

As a City Council member, Ann was Chair of the Budget Committee and Vice-Chair of Zoning in 2002 and moved to Chair of Public Infrastructure and Vice-Chair of Public Safety in 2009. She currently is Chair of the Planning Committee, Vice Chair of Public Works and Sustainability and serves on the Executive Matters, Parks and Human Services, Budget and Transportation and Transit Planning Committees.

She will speak on How to Move Honolulu Forward in Challenging Economic times.

GET WELL WISHES To any of our members that are under the weather.

## Happy Birthday March Babies HAU'OLI LA HANAU

Virginia Enos	Mar 1	Lois Miller	Mar 1	4
P. Pasha Baker	Mar 5	Mimi Torreano	Mar 1	5
Tracy Nakano Bean	Mar 5	Shirley Hasenyager	Mar 1	6
Anne Keamo	Mar 6	Jerilyn Jeffryes	Mar 1	7
Lee Champion	Mar 7	Kari Hofer	Mar 1	8
Rep. Colleen Meyer	Mar 8	Allan Silva	Mar 2	1
June R. Anderson	Mar 11	Erin Kealoha	Mar 2	3
		Norann Neet	Mar 2	3
Evelyn Cass	Mar 11	Louise Fleming	Mar 2	25
Kitty Lagareta	Mar 11	Elwin Spray	Mar 2	25
Sen. Sam Slom	Mar 13	Richard Lee Fale	Mar 2	27
Joanne Bretschneider	Mar 14	Sandra Johnston	Mar 3	0
Brennon Morioka	Mar 14	Terry McCabe	Mar 3	0



# The Pres Says...

"It's the economy, stupid." How often have we heard that, but with no honest discussion about the biggest money eaters: Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. While solutions have been proposed, the Democrat leadership ignores the reality that the country is basically bankrupt and so are most of the states, including Hawaii. The feds just print money to pretend they aren't and the states just pretend they aren't while levying more taxes and fees and holding their hands out to the feds for a hand out. Everywhere we turn, the focus and talk is why or why not the government is the answer to all our ills. The government will rescue us, bail us out, create jobs, insure our health, and the seas will rise and the Egyptians will bow down to our President for his benevolence in supporting..ah..who is he praising this week? Certainly not anyone or anything in this country, except himself, or those whose votes are bought on the cheap. The hard pressed American taxpayer is poised to take it on the chin again if the President's budget is enacted. His so called plan is nothing more than the same ol' tax and spend policies of the past, only now they call it sacrifice and invest...we are sacrificed so they can invest in themselves and their cronies. The double speak is beyond even this attorney's ability to be amazed at another lawyer's obfuscating argument. We await the double talk from our Governor. He won't even submit a budget till next month and the Legislature is doing what? Last month we heard from Dr. B. Leland Baker, Christian, husband, father, West Point grad and military leader for 26 years; Professor and Researcher for 10 years, a regular, traditional American who gave a slide show presentation on economics for citizens who don't have finance degrees. What we learned is that you don't need a finance or economic degree to understand that we as a country are spending beyond our means. I think it should be a disqualification to have such degrees to give advice to politicians. Let the women, the mothers, the homemakers, the small business owners give the advice. They know more than the so-called experts. Dr. Baker reiterated the basic values and enumerated powers of the federal government and how far we have strayed from the Constitution. Not surprising, considering many of our elected officials haven't read the document, if they can even spell the word. Dr. Baker pointed out the real danger of our becoming a debtor nation within our own lifetime..and for those of us over 50 (ah..well, I guess I have to admit to be at least 50), this is scary. Dr. Baker says we should ask our elected officials if any legislation they propose is 1) ethical 2) Constitutional and 3) affordable. We need to be aware that economic liberty is the bedrock of personal liberty and freedom. If you cannot

constitutional and 3) affordable. We need to be aware that economic liberty is the bedrock of personal liberty and freedom. If you cannot enjoy the fruits of the labor of your own mind and body, then we are slaves to tyranny, which is what the founding fathers called government overreach.

Where is it in the Constitution that the government is responsible for educating our children, looking after our health, or making sure we eat the right food? Governor Abercrombie wants to tax soda because it is bad for us. Who is he to tell anyone what is good of bad for them? That is not the basis of sound tax policy and pray tell, how is he going to enforce this ridiculous attitude because no one is going to stop drinking soda just because a tax is imposed. Look at the tax on cigarettes. People still pay incredible amounts of money for one pack...and if they stopped smoking, the government coffers would drop sharply!!! Keep on smoking! Support the Government! Dr. Baker pointed out the wealth confiscated since 1964 via medical spending by HHS

TARP, Bailouts, 'Cap and Trade', Cash for Clunkers, etc The money just spent by just Health and Human Services (to include Medicare and Medicaid) in 1964, was \$4.6 billion/yr. That amounted to \$24 per capita. In 2009, if the spending was kept at that 1964 level, that \$4.6 billion, based on inflation, would have amounted to \$31.9 billion, and now, in 2011, less than \$40 billion. Is that what is being spent? No. Astonishingly, today we are spending an unbelievable \$780 billion/year or \$2,570 for every man, woman and child in the country. Stalin said one death is a tragedy, a million is just a statistic. This is what we have come to today. These amounts are so great, they are just statistics, the mean nothing. Its all Monopoly Money and the politicians act as if the game will go on forever. today.

Dr. Baker quoted the President who said, "If we are able to slow the growth of health-care costs by just one-tenth of 1 percent each year, it will actually reduce the deficit by \$4 trillion over the long term." Dr. Baker pointed out the fact that if we saved only one-tenth of 1 percent each year, it would take 2,000 years to reduce the deficit by \$4 trillion. Dr. Baker asks: IS THIS BAD EDUCATION OR JUST DISHONESTY? Calling for \$1.5 trillion in deficit spending (= deferred taxes), stating that it will save \$400 billion over 10 years, is either delusional or dishonest. You chose.

Dr. Baker had more numbers than I can continue to review here, but you get the picture. In summary, our personal freedom is tied to economic freedom, which rests with adherence to Constitutional principles. The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. The war over these ideas never ends. For more info get a copy of Dr. Baker's book: Tea Party Revival By Dr. B Leland Baker a.k.a. "Dr B" Available at Amazon.com // teapartyrevival@yahoo.com

We get more information next month from Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi talking about spending at the City. In April, we will have Lowell Kalapa of the Tax Foundation discuss the state budget. Hope to see you at the next meeting!

# SAVE THE DATE

March 19, 2011 Honolulu County Convention

# **February Luncheon**















Janice Pechauer won the 50/50 drawing.



See the current caucus calendar by going to http://www.gophawaii.com/ site/c.5oJFLWPvFdJWG/ b.6452657/k.1972/2011 Caucus

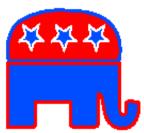
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OR

### Call GOP Headquarters at 593-8180.

## Save the date

Lincoln Day Dinner February 26, 2011 Paradise Cove, Ko`Olina



#### Plan your PAC gifts for the NEW YEAR

If each OLRW member gave only \$5.00 per month our PAC fund would increase at a rate of \$1000 per month. We could make a real difference in the campaigns of deserving candidates with that kind of money.

This is only \$120 over a two year period. We helped more candidate than ever before during the last election, but we would loke to do more. If everyone makes it a goal to average \$5 per month we could give thousands of dollars to deserving candidates instead of only a couple hundred.

Go to our website to give using a credit card or send a check to our headquarters address.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR PAC A FORCE IN THE NEXT ELECTION!!

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