



# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

Oahu League of Republican Women

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## Luncheon / Meeting April 7, 2011 The Willows

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

Cost  
25.00

### Menu

**Mixed Field Greens**  
**Cesar Salad**  
**Rice/Rolls**  
**BBQ Chicken**  
**Chinese Style Mahi Mahi**  
**The Willows Famous**  
**Curry Shrimp and**  
**Chicken w/condiments**  
**Dessert**

Reservations/Cancellations

**Cindy Vaillancourt**

703-597-6004

CC.Vaillancourt@gmail.com

Or

www.oahuleague.homestead.com

Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Tuesday, March 29th - 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 Lowell Kalapa

Among the many other educational activities undertaken by Mr. Kalapa, he has assisted numerous nonprofit organizations in understanding the roles and responsibilities of board members of those organizations and where the line begins and ends insofar as oversight and governance of those organizations. Unlike corporate boards, members of nonprofit organizations must remember that they are not responsible to stockholders/investors, but to the community at large. Often volunteers on nonprofit governing misunder-



stand their roles and lack the broader picture of what they are accountable for and to whom they remain accountable.

An advocate of community building, Mr. Kalapa has provided leadership and guidance to numerous community groups and nonprofit organizations in the area of board governance, fiduciary responsibility, and strategic planning. Of particular interest to Mr. Kalapa have been the challenges that face the Hawaiian community and he has facilitated board training and strategic planning for agencies such as Queen Lili'uokalani Children's Center, the Native Hawaiian Educational Council, Papa Ola Lokahi, and the Board of Trustees of Kawaihae'o Church. He has given guidance to many of the member agencies of Aloha United Way as part of the Community Building Evaluation Committee and in his advisory capacity on the Steering Committee of the Weed & Seed Initiative.

The Tax Foundation is a private, nonprofit, non partisan, educational organization established to research issues confronting governments in the area of public finance, taxation, and public administration. Although the Foundation is often mistaken for a state or county agency, it is supported entirely by private contributions.

*Get Well  
Wishes to  
Rose Tam Hoy  
who is in  
Queen's  
Hospital with  
pneumonia*

### GET WELL WISHES

**To any of our  
members that are  
under the weather.**

## Happy Birthday April Babies

HAU'OLI LA HANAU

Owen McCabe	April 3	Shari Kaauiwai	April 13
Margery Jenkins	April 3	Janet Judwin	April 15
Maria Smith	April 5	Michael "Big Mike" Palcic	
Marjory Lane	April 6		April 17
Sandra Williams	April 6	Shirley Vogtritter	April 18
Nancy Gills Hughes	April 6	Cindy Vaillancourt	April 22
Joseph Henao	April 6		
Rachel Zane	April 7		
Beverly Lynn Meiers	April 7		
Kathy Brown	April 7		



Special  
Birthday Wishes  
to  
Betty Brandle  
March 18



# The Pres Says...



In 1624, John Donne, during a long recovery from a life threatening illness, wrote a series of meditation, of which this is the most well known:

"No man is an island, entire of itself; every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's, or of thine own were: any man's death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee."



Pritchett drew this before the tsunami hit Japan. It gave me chicken skin to wonder what vibrations were in the universe that put this idea in his head? The horror that has visited Japan visits all of us in their suffering, because as Donne wrote 387 years ago, the bell tolls not only for the Japanese, but for all of us. It is a reminder of how unpredictable life and death is. Who in Hawaii ever thought such an event would occur, or the toll it would take on us here in the middle of the vast Pacific? But it is taking a toll, and in ways unforeseen. While we were blessed no one died, it is estimated we have incurred \$50,000,000 worth of damage, in the loss of people's homes, or in the devastation of their small business. Yet, the toll mounts. I learned that Starwood Hotels in Hawaii had 2000 cancellations this past week, and passenger arrivals from Japan have plummeted. Hawaii is not the only Pacific community that is feeling the effects as many Japanese have understandably cancelled travel plans all over Asia. Yet in the face of this huge economic loss, the Governor says he is now "flexible" about raising that deceitful excise tax that is levied at every sales or service transaction provided along the entire chain of events. The Governor says we must take more money from people so government can provide services people expect. What services? They can't even get the basics down. The politicians have raided the emergency funds, so now when we have real natural disaster, the money that should be there has been spent to cover up man made disasters in spending policies that do nothing to inspire and encourage people to take pride in being independent of government handouts, oh, I mean "entitlements."

The State is not the only government entity that just keeps people in bondage with more taxes and fees, instead of liberating people to fulfill their dreams. City Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi spoke at our March meeting. She gave a very informative talk on the City Budget. Almost 37% of the City's budget comes from property tax, 14% from sewer revenues, and 15% carry overs, which includes, unappropriated and restricted fund balances. She and Councilman Tom Berg from Ewa, are the only two of nine that consistently hold the line on spending. She noted when she asks about where the money is going for the rail to nowhere, the Mayor's response is that its not her problem. So, between the Mayor and the Governor Hawaii, the toll on Hawaii's tax payers from the tsunamis of water and taxes goes higher and higher. Well, lets see if Lowell Kalapa of the Tax Foundation of Hawaii, our April speaker will offer any relief in sight.



# March Luncheon



With Easter and Spring being the time for new life amidst the losses suffered, we will still have our traditional Easter Bonnet hat contest at the April meeting. The categories for prizes will be:

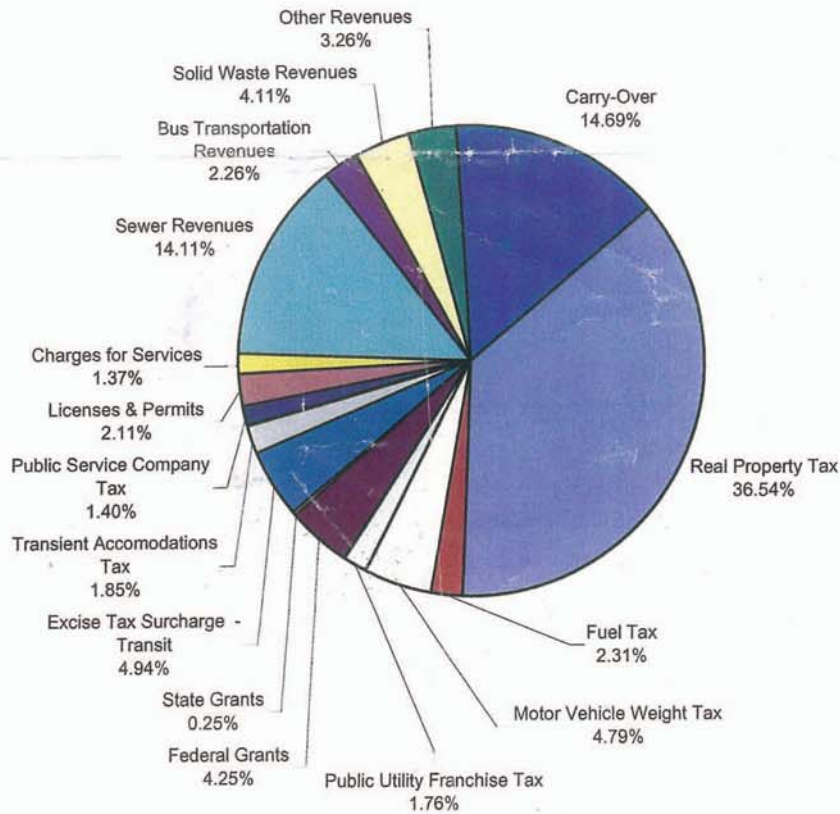
- 1) Best in keeping with Easter Theme
- 2) Most Outrageous
- 3) Most Original
- 4) Most Elegant
- 5) Most Patriotically Republican



See you April 7th at  
The Willows on Hausten  
Street.

# Where the City Gets Its Dollars

## FY2011 Operating Resources (\$2.209 Billion)



Note: The pie chart shows the composition of resources for the City's various funds for FY 2011. Carry-over includes unappropriated and restricted fund balances.



## HOUSE REPUBLICANS DEMONSTRATE CLOUT IN STATE LEGISLATURE

Don't let the numbers fool you. While we would like more colleagues in the State House to join us, eight is enough to make a difference during the 2011 Legislative Session. We would like to share a few examples of how our Republican voice has helped shape public policy over the past two months.

Leadership makes a difference, and the House leadership was undecided until the final moment when the House of Representatives convened. The eight members of the Republican Caucus played a pivotal role in the retention of the current Speaker, who shares some of the same economic concerns as Republicans.

Early in the session the House considered eliminating opening invocations. Whatever your personal beliefs may be, we believe that asking for divine guidance at the start of each legislative session is a tradition that dates back to the dawn of our country and is one of the foundations upon which our democracy is based. We are proud that Republicans defended and were successful in preserving the right of the State House to begin each day of our floor session with an opening invocation.

It was your House Republicans on the Finance Committee, Rep. Barbara Marumoto in particular, who demonstrated that Governor Abercrombie does not understand his own budget. The Governor denied he was taxing social security and other income of anyone making a total of \$37,500 in adjusted gross income. When in fact this is exactly what his budget would do. Despite being badgered by the Governor, Rep. Marumoto held her ground and was ultimately deemed right by the Governor's own budget and finance staff.

Like our colleague Senator Sam Slom, every day we speak on the floor of the House pointing out the bad public policies and dangerous legislation being considered by the Democrats. We do this not only for the 250,000 constituents we represent directly, but also on behalf of the every person who calls Hawaii their home. If you do not already receive our weekly Caucus newsletter you can sign up by e-mailing Media Director Michele Van Hessen at [m.vanhessen@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:m.vanhessen@capitol.hawaii.gov)

We look forward to having more voices in our Caucus in the years ahead. We have already held our first Start Early-Stay Strong candidate training session and plan regular training opportunities throughout this year to increase our ranks. In the meantime, you can rest assured that our voices will be strong and will continue to make a positive impact on the directions and policies of this State.

<http://barbaramarumoto.wordpress.com/2011/02/23/rep-marumoto-questions-gov-abercrombie-about-pension-tax/>

Rep. Gene Ward, House Republican Leader HD 17 Hawaii Kai, Kalama Valley

Rep. Kymberly Pine, House Floor Leader HD 43 Ewa Beach, Iroquois Point, Puuloa

Rep. Cynthia Thielen, Assistant Floor Leader, HD 50 Kaneohe Basy, Kailua

Rep. Corinne Ching, Assistant Minority Floor Leader, HD 27 Nuanu, Liliha, Puunui, Alewa Heights

Rep. Barbara Marumoto, Minority Policy Leader, HD 19 Kaimuki, Waialae, Kahala

Rep. George Fontaine Minority Whip HD 11 Makena, Wailea, Kihei

Rep. Aaron Ling Johanson Minority Whip, HD 32 Lower Pearlridge, Aiea, Halawa, Hickam, Pearl Harbor, Moanalua Gardens, Foster Village, Mapunapuna

Rep. Gil Riviere, Minority Whip HD 46 Kunia Camp, Poamoho, Schofield, Mokuleia, Waialua, Haleiwa, Pupukea, Sunset, Kahuku, Laie

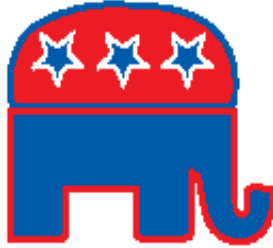


## Hawaii Republican Party State Convention

When Sat, May 14, 8am – 9pm Where

Kauai Beach Resort (map)

Call GOP Headquarters at 593-8180.



## 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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Or bring it to our next meeting



## Oahu League of Republican Women Membership Application

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Dues \$20.00 Yearly \$200.00 Lifetime