

O.L.R.W. Newsletter

Oahu League of Republican Women

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May 2011

Luncheon / Meeting
May 5, 2011
Hale Koa Hotel
Kalia Room

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

Cost
25.00

Menu

Wild Rice & Mushroom
Soup

Roasted Chicken Breast
w/ Tarragon Cream Sauce

Herbed Rice Pilaf with
Seasonal Vegetables

Vanilla Ice Cream Taco
with Fruit Salsa

Assortment of Rolls

Coffee or Tea

Reservations/Cancellations

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Or

www.oahuleague.homestead.com

Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Tuesday, May 2. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved. No Shows will be charged for their lunch.

Lieutenant Colonel Christine L. Pierce

Lieutenant Colonel Pierce was born in Bucyrus, Ohio. In addition to graduating summa cum laude from her undergraduate nursing program she earned undergraduate degrees in both Psychology and Sociology. She completed her Master's Degree in Human Resource Management

in 2004. After 12 years of civilian nursing experience she was commissioned into the United States Air Force Nurse in 1991. As a Nurse Corps Officer, she has held a variety of command and squadron-level assignments with an emphasis on clinical operations and human resource management. Most recently she served as Commander, 15th Medical Operations Squadron, Hickam AFB Hawaii during the eight month deployment of the assigned commander. Prior to her assignment to the 15th Medical Group, Lt Col Pierce served as 22nd Medical Operations Commander and Chief Nurse for the 22nd Medical Group, McConnell AFB Kansas where she was responsible for outpatient services consisting of Primary Care, Pediatrics, Immunizations, Women's Health, Physical Therapy, Radiology, Life Skills, Family Advocacy, and the Demand Reduction Programs serving 22K beneficiaries. During 2007, Lt Col Pierce deployed as Chief Nurse for Task Force Med and Deputy Commander to the 455 Expeditionary Medical Operations Squadron for Craig Joint Theater Hospital, Bagram Air Base Afghanistan. There she assisted in the oversight of more than 100 personnel and all facets of medical operations while leading Nursing Services for the facility and seven forward operating bases throughout Afghanistan. Lt Col Pierce is board certified in both Healthcare Quality and Ambulatory Nursing Care. She is married to Michael Pierce and together they have two beagles still living at home.





The Pres Says...

Your League was treated to a real alternative view of how to balance the state budget with Lowell Kalapa's presentation at our April luncheon. Lowell regularly testifies at the legislature that there is another way to balance the budget without raising taxes. The government budgeting process can be very complicated and our elected officials are masters at ingenious ways to get money for whatever they want and label it as something else to hide the real purpose. Trouble is, when the revenues plummet, all that money hidden under the mattress, like special funds, is exposed for what it is, a slush fund for somebody's pet project whose real costs are hidden from those paying the bills, us.

I attended the Balanced Budget Seminar put on by the Republican House Caucus and Senator "Lone Ranger" Slom this last Wednesday morning, the 20th. It was sparsely attended, maybe 50 people, including a couple Democrats, staff members and the "usual suspects," like me and Panos. Senator Slom, who will be our June speaker, noted that 25% of the state's economy is state government. That's too much. He said a fundamental change in political philosophy is needed, away from the belief that the government is the provider of all that is good in the world. He noted that union contracts are unilaterally negotiated by the governor, favor the union bosses, and no one speaks for the group that is footing the outrageous bill, the taxpayers. (Well, he sure speaks out, and that is what the Tea Party movement is all about.) For more information, go to www.hawaiisenatewatchdog.org

Sen. Slom then introduced Jonathan Williams, a tax economist from the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), who was brought in by the House Republican caucus. The ALEC is a non-partisan think tank that advises legislatures nationwide on how to run a more efficient, more effective government. Williams noted that 45 out of 50 states are facing budget shortfalls and the nation is looking at \$3,000,000,000,000 in unfunded pension obligations. That's \$3 trillion, a trillion has 12 zeroes. He is a co-author with Arthur Laffer and Stephen Moore of Rich States Poor States, which you can buy on line or just read at www.alec.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Rich_States_Poor_States. Williams noted that states are finding out the hard way that the so-called stimulus funds mandated more accounting effort than the money was worth. Speaking of accounting, he said the government uses its own accounting system which, I suspect, if it was used by a private company would land somebody in prison. Copies of ALEC's State Budget Reform Toolkit were available. The Toolkit suggests 23 reforms. One was having priority based budgeting based on government's core responsibilities, ex. defense, safety, protection. Government agencies should have mission statements. What's their purpose, are they fulfilling it efficiently and effectively? There should be a "Budget Transparency Requirement"..no money under mattresses anymore. Every bill should have "fiscal notes" appended to them, estimating how much money any bill will drain from the free market economy, not how much the government will get. I would also suggest every bill have a Liberty Transparency Requirement: does a proposed bill encumber or liberate the citizens? If it encumbers, is the justification rational and agreed upon by a majority of the citizens? For example, criminal activity obviously punishes behavior we all agree is not to be tolerated..but the size, shape and color of signage of someone's small business, maybe not so much.

There are solutions beyond tax and spend, and spend and spend. For more information about Hawaii's budget, go to www.HawaiiStateBudgetonline.com, brought to you by the Republicans in our state legislature, a very hard working group who need to run ads on TV to toot their own horn. Kudos to all of them. We appreciate all that they are doing to help bring more sanity and prosperity and self respect and honor to Hawaii's citizens.

I found inspiration for this just this week, as is evident from my topic..Adrienne

Announcements

Miriam Hellreich
National Committee Woman

Thanked our membership and spoke about this exciting time in Washington with our new RNC Chair. She challenged us to "let people know you're not happy." We need to get on the phone or email our representatives if we are to effect change. There is already considerable concern about our fundraising numbers vs. Obama for 2012. Lastly, she reminded us that the Western States Republican Leadership Conference will be held in Las Vegas on October 18.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MEMBER BERNICE CHONG KEE

Bernice passed away on Sunday, March 20, 2011. She was the matriarch of the Chong Kee ohana. Jeri Jeffries, Celyn, Kevin and wife, Roberta are Life members of OLRW. She had five children, eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and six great-great grandchildren. Bernice enjoyed life and parties and never wanted to miss a Republican event.

Happy Birthday May Babies

HAU'OLI LA HANAU

Patrick Inouye	May 2
Bob Chung	May 3
Scherry Webb	May 6
Carol Thomas	May 9
Frances Gatlin	May 19
Willes Lee	May 21
Erm Gartley	May 22
Denise Kekuna	May 23
Lorrie Barker	May 25
Raymond Malloy	May 26
Aldene Smith	May 28
Darlene Iokepa	May 29
Patricia Lohr	May 29

*Special Birthday
Wishes
to
Cricket Chung
April 20*

GET WELL WISHES

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

April Luncheon



More April Luncheon Photos



Most Patriotic:
Barbara Lohr

Most Elegant:
Janice Pechauer

Most Original:
Barbara Pang

Most Outrageous:
Gladys Hayes

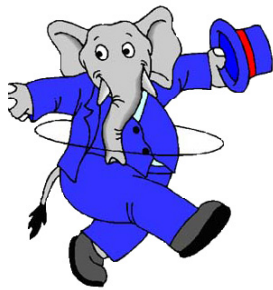
Best Overall Easter Theme:
Carol Thomas



50/50 Winner
Gladys Hayes

Volunteering for Kapiolani
Hospital Project



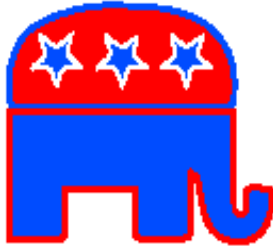


See the current caucus calendar by going to

http://www.gophawaii.com/site/c.5oJFLWPvFdJWG/b.6452657/k.1972/2011_Caucus_Calendar.htm

OR

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 love 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



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