

L.R.W. Newsletter

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September 2011

Luncheon / Meeting September 1, 2011 Hee Hing

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

> Cost 23.00

Menu

Chinese Chicken Salad Honey Walnut Shrimp Beef w/Asparagus Hong Kong Crispy Chicken Hee Hing Special Cake **Noodles Braised Tofu & Vegetables Almond Cookies** Rice & Tea

Reservations/Cancellations

Cindy Vaillancourt (808) 954-2797

CC.Vaillancourt@gmail.com

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by Monday, August 29. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved. No Shows will be charged for their lunch.

Please - no walk-ins.

Samuel Wilder King II

J.D. Candidate, William S. Richardson, School Masters Candidate, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Hawaii East-West Center Graduate Fellow http://positiveimpactinstitute.com/members/sam-king/

Education

William S. Richardson School of Law, Manoa, Hawaii 2010-Present

• Student Government: Elected Class of 2013's Student Bar Association (SBA) Representative for 2010-2011; appointed by the SBA as its University of Hawaii Student Caucus representative

• Recently appointed Student Project Leader of WSRSL's Hammurabi Legal Forum studying legal systems in Iraq and Afghanistan



Georgetown University, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Washington D.C. 2002-2006

Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service Major: Middle East Regional Studies Certificate: Muslim-Christian Understanding, Capstone paper: "Tolerance in the Our'an"

American University in Cairo, Cairo, Egypt August 2004 – May 2005 • Classes Abroad: Iraq Seminar, Studies in the Quran, Terrorism and Jihad, Acting in Arabic

Work Experience Zurmat Foundation, Kabul, Afghanistan January 2010 – March 2010 Chief Executive Officer

Met with key Afghan government officials to discover where need is greatest in Afghanistan for education and health

Coordinated with US Universities to create Measurement and Evaluation standards

Torresco – Advanced Enterprise Solutions, Baghdad, Iraq October 2008 – December 2008

Business Development Project Manager

Represented Torresco at the USAID GIS Symposium in Baghdad

Research Triangle Institute, Baghdad, Iraq March 2008 – September 2008
National GIS Relationships Manager and Management Support Unit Analyst for USAID's Strengthening Iraqi Local Governance Project (LGP),

• Managed the logistics, from purchasing, acquisition and delivery, of a multimillion dollar Geographic Information Systems program for the Baghdad

Mayoralty

Created the first Iraq GIS Working Group, laying the groundwork for the first National GIS Symposium which enabled US and Iraqi GIS stakeholders to share best-practices and declassify GIS data for civilian use for the first time
 Gave detailed program briefings to USAID's Head of Democracy and Government on LGP's GIS Program

The Cram Group, Pentagon, DC February 2007 – February 2008 Created customized Crystal Reports from inception for Bright Horizons Family Solutions



The Pres Says...

I can't wait to see you at the September meeting. Hard to believe it has been five months since I last saw you, which was at the April meeting. It has been a busy summer and it is not over yet! As you know, your League is playing a key role in raising funds to pay off the mortgage for the Party's headquarters of which we are 1/2 owners. The BIG news is that the mortgage is now \$171,982 down from the \$200,000 when we started...and more pledges are coming in.

League member Miriam Hellreich spearheads the fundraising effort. Miriam secured Lee Greenwood for what turned out to be a fabulous dinner concert on August 16th at the Koolau Golf Course Ballroom, otherwise known as the home of the First Presbyterian Church of Honolulu.

There were 390 who came. Fourteen (!!) \$2500 tables were sold, more at that amount than could be recalled in recent memory, two by your President, one by Anne Sutton and one by Helen Kekuna who handled table assignments, a thankless job if there ever was one. Duke Aiona bought a \$5000 table and 8 \$1500 tables were sold, one by Carol Thomas who headed Registration and Decorations. Cindy Vaillancourt was on hand to escort guests and Julie Schroeder helped with registration. Biggest fundraiser aside from Miriam, who brought in almost \$40,000 was Janice Pechauer whose tenacity paid off in over \$7000 raised! Thank you Janice and Miriam. Yours truly raised over \$6000 for the event. More special thanks and recognition to Kathi Thomason, who handled the accounting, and Marcia Klompus, GOP treasurer, who together not only raised or donated money, but contributed hundreds of hours of labor to make this event such a spectacular success raising over \$80,000!!! We have those two to thank for watching the money like a hawk and keeping meticulous records to insure the donations went to this cause and nothing else.

The non-political theme of the evening, carried through with fabulous decorations and patriotic music, was Proud to be an American. Word of the event proved to be such a positive unifying focus that Democrats, Independents and even those with no political affiliation came. George Kekuna and his band played during the seating and dinner, setting the perfect mood. Gen. Robt Lee was the perfect Emcee and Capt. Jerry Coffee stirred many emotions during his uplifting tribute honoring the veterans in attendance, including 7 WWII veterans from the 442 and 101st. We also heard from Governor Lingle who introduced Lee Greenwood.

Greenwood donated his time, and stayed after for more candid photos, autographs and conversation. He is a consummate entertainer. He sang several songs, my favorites were "Go the Distance", "Where the Eagle Flys," and his signature, "God Bless the USA". The acoustics were fabulous and he had the entire room clapping and stompin'. There are a couple videos up on our website and my FaceBook page. There were lots of photos taken and we hope to have more to share later. Greenwood was very impressed with the reception he received...maybe we can bring him back for another event next year!

Donors have sent scores of emails saying "This was the greatest political event they had ever attended." Gov. Lingle commented that "The event was picture perfect" and congratulated the committee on its achievement. It really cheered everyone up and was a wonderful prelude to what is shaping up to be a very hectic and full election season.

Before this election cycle begins in earnest in Hawaii, we still have a lot of work yet to do to pay down the mortgage. We are considering various options, one of which is to create a Club One Hundred, an honor roll of League members who contribute \$100 to the campaign to save our and GOP Headquarters. If each one of our 200+ members gave even \$100, that \$20,000+ would go a long way to paying this debt off before 2012 gets here. I ask you to join the Club One Hundred. We will kick that off at the September meeting. Needless to say, there are other monthly fees to keep the building space operational, but one step at a time. The Party's financial condition necessitates some serious adjustment in cost cutting and money raising.

The total numbers are not in as of this writing, but we shall have them at the lunch at Hee Hing on September 1st. My intrepid world traveling son, Samuel Wilder King II will be the featured speaker on conditions in the Middle East and Hawaii. He has been around the world, lived in Egypt and backpacked solo to places like Yemen! I think you will find him engaging, informed and insightful, if I do say so myself. He amazes me and I don't impress easily. See you in less than 2 weeks.

Lee Greenwood Concert

















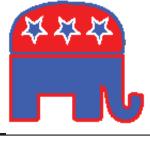


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http://www.gophawaii.com/site/c.5oJFLWPvFdJWG/b.6452657/k.1972/2011_Caucus_Calendar.htm

Calendar. 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 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



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