



# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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## Vanita Rae Smith

Vanita Rae Smith, 66, the prolific producer-director at Army Community Theatre, retired after a 32-year theatrical career here in Hawaii. She was recently honored on July 11, 2010 with the American Association of Community Theatre's Outstanding Service Award at Sardi's on Broadway. The award recognizes "significant, valuable and lasting service" to community theater in America.

Smith launched her Army career at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri, where she had interrupted service because of Hawai'i ties; she arrived here in 1969, staying through 1973, and returned to Missouri where she established dinner theaters at Fort Leonard Wood and in Fort Knox, Kentucky. But she returned in 1982 — to stay.

She has directed nearly 130 plays, including 25 productions at Manoa Valley Theatre and a handful at Windward Theatre Guild. After the MVT production of "Doubt" here, it was staged in a regional theater competition in 2009. She also was an architect and co-founder of the Hawaii State Theater Council's Po'okela Awards, which honors achievement and performance among member theater groups.

As Army's entertainment honcho, Smith also produced a string of Fourth of July day-long spectacles at Sills Field at Schofield Barracks, capped with "The Flags We Follow" narrated by Jo Pruden and capped by aerial fireworks.

She says her "calling" to serve was clear, to salute her dad, Pfc. Ray Smith, who was killed in World War II. "Vanita is a theatrical institution in town," said Pruden, a theatrical colleague for 40 years, who has worked with Smith as box office manager for 13 years, and directed by Smith in at least 15 productions. "It's kind of an end of an era, if she no longer is associated with Army Community Theatre," said Pruden. "She decided it was time — but I can't see her fully retiring. She will be involved in theater, in some capacity or other. It's in her blood."

Indeed Vanita hasn't "retired" but is now Director of HAWAII SPIRIT OF '45, which is bringing "Green Path and Rainbow" from Kunming, China to the 2012 Hawaii event "Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive! It is about the American Flying Tigers and General Claire Lee Chennault. Vanita brought Lee Greenwood to the Waikiki shell for the kick off Spirit of '45 2011 event and that is why we were able to have Lee perform at our fundraiser to save our headquarters. Vanita is a strong Republican supporter and we are very proud and excited to have her as our 1st speaker of the year at our January 5 luncheon meeting at the Willows.



## January 2012

Luncheon / Meeting

January 5, 2012

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

Caesar Salad

BBQ Chicken w/Scallions

Chinese Style Mahi Mahi

The Willows Famous

Chicken Curry

Rice/Rolls

Dessert

Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea

Reservations/Cancellations

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by **12 Noon, Tuesday, December 27**. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved. No Shows will be charged for their lunch. Please -no walk-ins.



# The Pres Says...

**WISHING ALL OF YOU A VERY MERRY MEMORABLE CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

2012 will be a pivotal year. If 2008 was all about change, 2012 will be about the lack of it in our wallets. Will the country continue its flirtation with centralized control or come to its senses? I am continually amazed at how many people neither see or are concerned with the inexorable creep of the elected or appointed oligarches and their minions who believe truly that they know better how to run your life than you do. The millionaires who support this regime are part of the oligarchy who want to maintain or exert power and control over the smaller businesses, the local banks, the individual entrepreneurs. Their claim that they care about the middle class is belied by their acts. Ever hear how much these folks have voluntarily donated to the government, or to charity? How to explain the cabinet members who didn't pay their taxes? Where is the NY Times on this? The ads in the New York Times hit me a while back. The paper and magazine is replete with photos of ads for designer clothes only an android could wear, watches only the MF Global execs could afford wear, and only real estate not in foreclosure! Talk about hypocrisy.

Your Oahu League is doing its part in the fight for freedom. We are a vital and critical component of the life of the HRP. Our January 5th meeting will feature speaker Vanita Rae Smith, award winning producer and director formerly with the Army Community Theater, staunch Republican, and local head of the Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive. David Chang, new HRP party chair, will address us on new developments with HRP. One exciting development for our League is our own long time life member, fundraiser extraordinaire, and well known "go to" guy in Hawaii for all the latest local and national political news, WILLES LEE, is running for National Committeeman. Another member, DENNIS VAILLANCOURT, life member Cindy Vaillancourt's husband is the new Oahu County Chair. We have several members who are House District Chairs including GEORGE KEKUNA, who with his wife, and former OL President HELEN, spent a great deal of their own time painting and sprucing up our HQ on Kapiolani Blvd. Thank you Helen and George. Member, HELENE WEBSTER has been faithfully manning the phone at HQ for years and other members have donated countless hours to the HRP and various candidates.

If you haven't joined Club 100, do so this year. It is the League's separate effort to pay off the mortgage by League members contributing \$100 at once or in payments, separate from the Capital Campaign. Even if you gave to the Capital Campaign, like member PASHA BAKER, who generously contributed \$500, or several others of us who contributed to the CC, Club 100 membership requires you to pay \$100 specifically via the League. The League's luncheon meetings are THE place to be on the first Thursday of the month. Be there or be square! Looking forward to seeing you at the January luncheon!

**2012 Dues may be paid online at [www.oahuleague.homestead.com](http://www.oahuleague.homestead.com)**

**Membership dues for 2012 will increase by \$5 to \$25**

**There will be no change to Life Membership which is \$200**



# December Luncheon





## December Luncheon Pictures





# Headquarters News

## OLRW & Republican



Helen and George Kekuna have been spending their Fridays cleaning, repairing and organizing the Republican Party HQ. They always appreciate help.

On this particular Friday, as well as many other Fridays, Nancy Gallagher joined in the fun.

Who was camera shy and stayed behind the lens?



### OLRW 100 Club

Faith Badeaux  
Loren Butler  
Jane Butler  
Evelyn Cass  
Golden Wheelden Davis  
Miriam Hellreich  
Anne Keamo  
George Kekuna  
Helen Kekuna  
Adrienne King

Nancy Lynn  
Teresita Lilker  
Beverly Meiers  
Janice Pechauer  
Cynthia Rosebrough  
Anne Sutton  
Carol Thomas  
Bev Toomey  
Jeanette Templeman  
Kathleen Watson

### Upcoming Luncheon Locations

February - Hee Hing  
March - Waikiki Yacht Club  
April - Waialae Country Club

# Everything Political, with Willes Lee

## Hawaii Republican Presidential Caucus

Thank you for joining me for our first “Everything Political” article and, as I am apt to point out, everything IS political. The next 12 months will determine the survival of our nation as we know it. That’s not alarmist, simply a statement of fact. To survive, Republicans must keep control of the US House of Representatives and take control of the US Senate and we are well-position to do so. Hawaii Republicans will contribute with good campaigns by Linda Lingle, John Carroll and Charles Djou. When they win, Republicans can be assured of a majority in both congressional houses.

To get our country on the right path, we must win the Presidency. For Hawaii Republicans, that begins with each of us being involved in the 2012 elections. On March 13 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM, the Hawaii Republican Party (HRP) will hold a state-wide Presidential caucus. The caucus is essentially a party-run Presidential Primary election.

Presidential candidate campaigns must pay \$5000 to be placed on the HRP ballot. Two campaigns (Romney, Santorum) have made inquiries to HRP.

The HRP will announce polling sites around the state. Voters go to their polling location to vote. Voters may choose only from the Presidential candidates on the ballot, write-in votes are not recorded. Anyone can participate. HRP members show identification then vote. Other Hawaii residents may register to vote, join the HRP and then vote.

Based on the tallied votes, the local Presidential campaigns are allocated their share of our 17 Hawaii Republican delegates and 17 alternate delegates to the August Republican National Convention. The campaigns decide how they select their delegates and alternate delegates. The cost for travel and a week in Tampa for the convention is estimated at \$2500-\$3500. At the National Convention, our 17 delegates cast their votes for their Republican candidate.

Please be aware that this selection process for delegates to the National Convention is different than the past 12 years. If you are interested in being a delegate to the National Convention, contact HRP HQ at 593-8180 and get the up-to-date procedures.

Please do not confuse the Presidential caucus with our annual district caucus meetings. The district caucus meetings are held January 25 through February 7. When you attend your district caucus meeting, you’ll elect delegates to our State convention, elect a district chair and elect a representative to our HRP Platform committee. A personal note: I’d like you to become a state delegate and attend our May state convention. I am running to be our HRP National Committee Man and I will humbly ask for your vote to allow me to again serve our party.





# Announcements & Birthdays

## *Books Needed*

Nancy Gallagher is in need of books for Kapiolani Women's & Children's Hospital. If you have children's books or books that women might like to read, please drop them off to Nancy at the January Luncheon or bring them to Republican Headquarters.

## *Bob Chung*

Bob Chung is doing well and enjoying himself after his move to Molokai. He says hi to all.

## *February Luncheon*

Our February Luncheon is at Hee Hing and our Speaker is Senate Candidate Linda Lingle. Kung Hee Fat Choy!

## *Thank You*

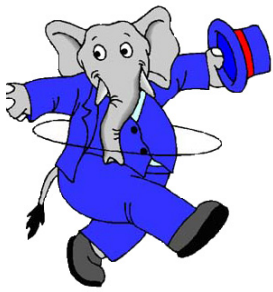
Carol Thomas and Ione Gumphier for making all the Leis. (All the Women & Men were so gracious to Donate the Lei's to Janice Pechauer for the nursing home).

Big Mahalo to Sylvia Lewis and her Volunteers for the Christmas fair.

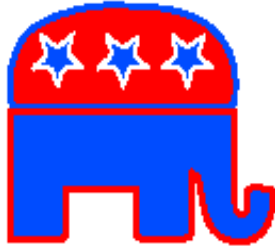
## *January Birthdays - Hau`oli La Hanau*

January 1	Laura Kessler	January 16	Rita Kama-Kimura
January 2	Eve Anderson		Sheila Leas
January 4	Marleen Adachi		Pam Smith
	Jane Tatibouet	January 18	Mary Monohan
	Mary Cherry	January 21	Susan Wong
January 9	Francine Aiona Kenyon		Kathleen Watson
January 14	Terry Crenshaw	January 24	Sonia Trimble
	Jeanette Templeman	January 25	Janell Yim
	Rachel-Joy Nisperos	January 26	Bonnie Pestana
January 15	Christopher Wong	January 28	Cindy Lee Meiers
	Margaret Martin	January 30	Representative Aaron Johanson
	Carmen Doring	January ?	Donna Alcantera





For the current caucus calendar 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.

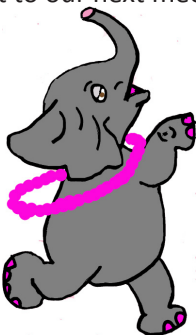
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Or bring it to our next meeting



### Oahu League of Republican Women Membership Application

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Dues 25.00 Yearly \$200.00 Lifetime