



# O.L.R.W. Newsletter

Oahu League of Republican Women

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## February 2012

Luncheon / Meeting

February 2, 2012

Hee Hing

11:00 A.M. Social Hour

11:30 A.M. Meeting

12:00 Noon Lunch

12:30 P.M. Speaker

Cost

25.00

### 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

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by **12 Noon, Thursday, January 26**. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved. No Shows will be charged for their lunch. Please -no walk-ins.

## Governor Linda Lingle

Linda Lingle served as Governor of the State of Hawai'i from 2002-2010. She was the first woman, first person of Jewish ancestry, and the first Republican in 40 years to lead the Aloha State.

During her eight years as the state's chief executive, Governor Lingle and her Administration showed they could lead in the most difficult of times, including the aftermath of a major earthquake that struck the Island of Hawai'i in 2006, and the 2008 global economic collapse that hit tourism-dependent Hawai'i especially hard.

Her Administration was able to confront and manage through the most severe economic crisis in state history by closing an almost \$3 billion gap in state revenues without increasing taxes and while maintaining a "AA" bond rating, which was the state's highest bond rating ever.

Today, Governor Lingle serves as one of six founding members of the Governors Council at the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), a national public policy and advocacy organization. The Council is composed of immediate former governors of both parties who have achieved a record of bipartisan success.

With only eight Republicans out of 76 representatives and senators in the State Legislature, she was still able to gain support for programs like the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative, a critical achievement because Hawai'i is the most oil-dependent state in the nation. This signature program will help make the 50th State more energy secure while also strengthening the economy.

Her other policy achievements include: STEM education expansion, mental health service delivery improvements, environmental protection initiatives, reduced cases of child abuse, and affordable housing construction, especially for the Native Hawaiian community.

Governor Lingle's ability to work in a bi-partisan fashion was highlighted when she won a majority of votes in all of Hawai'i's 51 House Districts in her 2006 re-election campaign, something that has never been achieved before or since by any Hawai'i governor.

Governor Lingle first served the people of Hawai'i as a member of the Maui County Council from 1981-1991. She served as Mayor of Maui from 1991-1999.

Governor Lingle was born on June 4, 1953 and is a native of St. Louis, Missouri. When she was 12, her family moved to Southern California, where she attended public schools and graduated from Birmingham High School. She relocated to Hawai'i in 1975 after graduating cum laude with a journalism degree from California State University, Northridge. In 1976, she founded and edited the Moloka'i Free Press community newspaper.





# The Pres Says...

Happy New Year!

Oh, I said that month already..well, still seems like New Years. I am trying to hold on to January as long as I can by taking the entire month to take down my Christmas decorations!! I can hardly believe we already talking about our first meeting in February.

Some of you may have noticed the old website is down. We are working on a new website, and hope to have it up before our next meeting on groundhog day, February 2 when soon to be Senator Linda Lingle will address us. I will go out on a limb here, and hope it is not bad luck, but predict she will win. I have heard her speak four times now at different events and each speech was more impressive than the one before. She is clearly honing her message. She has her game on. This will be an event you wont want to miss. It is a great beginning to the 2012 elections and promises to be a sold out lunch meeting. Please send in your reservations to Cindy Vaillancourt at [cc.vaillancourt@gmail.com](mailto:cc.vaillancourt@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

By the way, I have also set up a new FaceBook site for The Oahu League of Republican Women. Look for our new logo! Please note that you "like" us!..tell all your friends. I know many of us, me too, are still getting familiar with all this social media stuff. Politically speaking, we must get more on board. It was the Democrat's ability to take advantage of technology and social media that was so effective in the recent past. Don't be intimidated by it. Don't assume its too intrusive. Don't think it's of no value. If you are getting this e-mail, if you have made reservations on-line, then check out our FaceBook page and make a comment, lets start sharing thoughts and ideas on how to win in November. Linda's website is <http://www.lingle2012.com/> and is a very impressive site. Also, go to Linda's Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/Lingle2012>

Let's use all the media we can to participate in and contribute to what promises to be a very exciting conversation regarding the fate of Hawaii, the country and the world.

Adrienne

**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**

# Announcements & Birthdays

## *2012 Dues*

If you have not already done so, please pay your 2012 dues either by mailing a check to the OLRW office or bringing it to the next meeting.

## *OLRW Website & Facebook Page*

If you are online please check out our new Facebook page. We would love it if you liked us. Coming soon is the new website with a new web address. [www.olrw.org](http://www.olrw.org)

## *Upcoming Luncheon Dates and Places*

March 1st - Waikiki Yacht Club  
April 5th - Waialae Country Club  
May 3rd - Hale Koa Hotel  
December 6th - Waialae Country Club

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

February 2	Carole Kaapu	February 12	Sylvia Lewis
	Barbara Lohr	February 18	Suk Moses
	Shannon Michaelson	February 19	Kay Tompkins
February 3	Dorothy Grandinetti		Reta Maag
February 4	Julie Allen	February 20	Alice Hakikawa
February 5	Gwen Honjo	February 23	Nominique Merrill
	Yukie Johnson	February 26	Theone Vredenburg
		February 28	Lynne Meyer

## **OLRW 100 Club**

Faith Badeaux	Nancy Lynn
Loren Butler	Teresita Lilker
Jane Butler	Beverly Meiers
Evelyn Cass	Janice Pechauer
Golden Wheelden Davis	Cynthia Rosebrough
Miriam Hellreich	Anne Sutton
Anne Keamo	Carol Thomas
George Kekuna	Bev Toomey
Helen Kekuna	Jeanette Templeman
Adrienne King	Kathleen Watson

# January Luncheon Pictures



# January Luncheon Highlights

## Excerpts Vanita Rae Smith's Speech

I've spent my life in community theatre and Army Entertainment! Theatre and politics are a lot alike. One time you're drinking wine and the next time you're picking the grapes. I love George Washington and Abe Lincoln, but I really love Ronald Reagan. He and my hero, Roy Rogers, celebrated their one hundredth birthdays in 2011. They were pretty good buddies and I think Roy might have been a Republican since I recently found a photo of Roy campaigning for Ronnie. We are the "city on a hill" and I hope the best is yet to come. But we must decide: To balance the budget or let the others take over. You don't know what to worry about these days, whether the country will be overthrown or overdrawn.

My father was killed in WWII and his heroic deeds have chartered my course in life. After 41 years working for the Army, I was approached to serve again, this time, as the director for Hawaii's Keeping the Spirit of '45 Alive.

August 14, 1945, when World War II ended, was a day of joyful celebration the world over. There has never again been such a universal experience of rejoicing. **In August 2010, the United States Congress unanimously approved an annual commemoration of the Greatest Generation, who survived the great depression, fought and won WWII, then came home to rebuild a shattered world. The second weekend in August has been set aside for a nation-wide remembrance.**

In August, 2011, hundreds of communities held Spirit of '45 Day events and activities in every state in America, starting in Hawaii, with a big band concert at the Waikiki Shell, and ending with Taps at the Punchbowl National Cemetery of the Pacific. Senator Carol Fukunaga, daughter of a member of the 442nd, was the guest speaker and she supports our efforts to get the message into the classrooms. Hawaii's inaugural event was solidly planted with an educational and entertaining program of music from the era, a colorful ceremony recounting the great moments in our country's history ending with a salute to Hawaii's famous 442nd. National Radio personality Jim Bohannon hosted and narrated the ceremony, which featured sixty-seven JR-ROTC cadets and the 111th Army Band. History Channel footage, archival photographs and portraits of the Greatest Generation and the 442nd filled the huge screen above the performers.

In WW II, sixteen million men served. One third of that number had less than an 8th grade education, mostly Midwestern farm boys, 42% had less than a high school education. Only 7 million took advantage of the GI Bill after the war. How did these "uneducated" people send more kids to college than ever in history, without a Department of Education in Washington?

**This year, 2012 the Spirit of '45 is reaching out to the JR-ROTCs state-wide. They have already made a commitment to "serve" and we wish to pass on to them the seven great attributes of the greatest generation:**

### LESSON #1: TAKE PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR LIFE

While today's generation often shirks responsibility as too much work, the Greatest Generation relished the chance to step up to the plate. For them, responsibility was their juice. They loved responsibility. They took it head-on, and anytime they could get a task and be responsible, that was what really got 'em going. The Greatest were not a generation of whiners or excuse makers. They took pride in personal accountability.

### LESSON #2: BE FRUGAL

The homes of the Greatest Generation are often stuffed with doodads and boxes of stuff. They have a sort of pack rat mentality because they grew up in the Great Depression where the next pair of shoes or pants was not guaranteed. They learned to live on less and be grateful for the things they had. It didn't take a new iPad to brighten their Christmas morning; an orange at the bottom of a stocking was enough. This was the generation that was thrilled to move into a 750 square foot house, which was as big as some people's garages are today. One of their mottos was: "USE IT UP, WEAR IT OUT, MAKE IT DO, OR DO WITHOUT!" Of course, it's hard to make it do if you don't know how to fix it, and thus handiness was also central to experience.

### LESSON #3: BE HUMBLE

Typical, is the story of a son or daughter who finds a war medal stashed in the attic after their father passes. Somehow he never told them about it. Even if their service had been brave and heroic, the Greatest Generation rarely talked about the war, both because of the difficulty in remembering such carnage, but also from the sense that they had simply been fulfilling their duty, and thus had no reason to brag. (continued on page 7)



# Vanita's Speech Continued

## LESSON #4: LOVE LOYALLY

They took their marriage vows seriously. It was the last generation in which marriage was a commitment and divorce was not an option. I can hardly remember anyone who was divorced. In the communities where I lived, it was treated as a minor scandal. Of all the new marriages in 1940, 1 in 6 ended in divorce. By the late 1990's, that number was 1 in 2. This was a time where there was no hanging out or hooking up." Men asked women on real dates, and had serious intentions when doing so. When a particular gal caught a man's heart, he proposed, and they got hitched. And they were married for the next 60 years.

## LESSON #5: WORK HARD

In war, these men had learned to focus on the objective at hand and not give up until that objective and the mission as a whole was accomplished. When they got home, they carried that focus over to the world of work. They didn't find their passion to be happy. They could find happiness in any job they did, because they weren't just working for personal, self-fulfillment; they labored for a bigger purpose: to give their families the financial security they hadn't enjoyed growing up. Today, the new college graduate wants the things it took our parents and grandparents 30 years to acquire. But the Greatest Generation knew that going into the debt was not the way to get the things you want. They understood that the good things in life must be earned by honest toil.

## LESSON #6: EMBRACE CHALLENGE

The Greatest Generation wasn't the greatest despite the challenges they faced, but because of them. Today many shirk challenge and believe that the easier life is, the happier they'll be. But our parents and grandparents knew better. **They knew that one must endure the bitter to embrace the sweet, and that true happiness comes from overcoming the kind of challenges that build character and refine the soul. The challenges they experienced made their joy all the more sweet because it was tinged with the gratitude of knowing how easily it could all have been taken away.**

## LESSON #7: DON'T MAKE LIFE SO DAMN COMPLICATED

If there's a common thread in these lessons, it's having a common sense and a level-headed approach to life. Today men and women are obsessing about finding themselves, finding their passion, finding their soul mate. The Greatest Generation's didn't go on a diet, they simply ate whole food; they didn't exercise, they worked around the house and yard; they didn't obsess about their relationships. The men just found a gal they loved and married her. They always looked sharp, but never fussed with fashion trends. They didn't mull over which appliance better suited their personality and image, they just bought the machine that worked the best. They didn't think about how to get things done, they just got 'em done.

We would like to grow our mission to Keep the **Spirit of '45 Alive** to "educate and entertain," and incorporate many more of Hawaii's JR-ROTC cadets, as well as their families, into a longer-term inter-generational educational program. **The heart of this year's Keeping the Spirit of '45 Alive program lies in educating Hawaii's youth about the story of friendship between America and China.** We will be bringing in 80 students from China for 8 days to celebrate with students from Hawaii this shared history. The highlight and conclusion of the students' eight-day visit will be musical performances of GREEN PATH AND RAINBOW at the Hawaii Theatre on August 10-11. This is a Chinese opera which tells the story of the Flying Tigers and the pilots of the Hump Supply Line. We would like to grow our mission to Keep the Spirit of '45 Alive to "educate and entertain," and incorporate many more of Hawaii's JR-ROTC cadets, as well as their families, into a longer-term inter-generational educational program. The heart of this year's Keeping the Spirit of '45 Alive program lies in educating Hawaii's youth about the story of friendship between America and China.

This has been a lost story that must not be allowed to fade into history. The opera was first performed as a cantata, in 2005, for a reunion of World War II Flying Tigers who returned to Kunming for the 60th anniversary of the end of the war. The cantata tells the story of the Flying Tigers, formed by General Claire Lee Chennault, and a young soldier from Texas who falls in love with a local girl. He later is tragically killed in action crossing the Hump, the flight path over the treacherous heights of the Himalaya's which path was China's life line, the only supply line of food and ammunition from India over the peaks to Kunming after the fall of Burma. As Ms. Lillian, the creator of Green Path and Rainbow, says, it is "...about the unforgettable history of the American Volunteer Group (AVG), and the hazardous Hump supply line. We are singing about our victory and the American pilots who devoted their young lives flying and for love, peace and friendship between America and China forever!" The American Flying Tigers are credited with saving Kunming at great personal cost.

Our 2012 working budget is \$315,000, of which roughly one half (\$152,000) has been pledged by the people of Kunming, China, to transport all 80 of their music students and faculty to Hawaii for an eight-day educational visit. An additional \$50,000 is expected in in-kind donations of meals, transportation, printing and production expenses, leaving \$113,000 to be raised via grants and sponsorships. Of this, we are looking for \$75,000 in grants, \$22,500 from private sponsors, and \$15,500 from corporate sponsors. While some income may be generated by ticket sales, this is not the objective of the performances, which will be mostly performed for invited audiences consisting of JR-ROTC cadets, their families, and veterans. If you know of any way you can help in this effort, contact Adrienne and she will forward your message to me.

# Everything Political, with Willes Lee

## President and Senators, oh my!

Everything IS political and the 2012 Presidential and US Senate races are certain to affect our lives. Romney won Iowa, with Santorum second and Paul third. Last week, New Hampshire voters ranked Romney first, Paul second and Huntsman took third. Though some candidates drop out, most are still "all in." Next contests are South Carolina, Florida, and Nevada. This week, we'll know the 4th quarter's fundraising numbers.



Control of the US Senate is crucial, for both parties. There are 33 seats up for election, only ten are Republican. While winning the Presidency is the single top priority, winning a net of four senate seats gives us the senate majority. Winning three senate seats and the Presidency accomplishes about the same because the Vice-President would be our Senate tie-breaking vote. Republicans can control the national agenda by having majorities in both house of congress (we already have the US House majority).

While many changes will occur before the November 6 elections, most predictions begin with an assumption that the party will hold the seats which are strongly in their favor. The general consensus is that we have to win six of eight toss-up states. The eight currently most considered toss-ups with their current party in parenthesis are: Nebraska (D), Massachusetts (R), Missouri (D), Nevada (R), Montana (D), Virginia (D), Wisconsin (D) and New Mexico (D). Some seats have an incumbent. (NV, VA, WI, and NM are also Presidential swing states so there will be lots of money poured into those states.) Winning six of these seats when most are held by dems is tough especially with Obama on the ballot.

This is why Hawaii is important. When Linda Lingle announced, some pundits moved Hawaii (D) from Solid Dem all the way to toss-up. Her initial fundraising figures are due out this week and the dems will be shocked. John Carroll is her Primary opponent. Dem leaders are supporting Hirono over Case in the dem Primary. It is a lot cheaper to win a race in Hawaii then in, say, an expensive Massachusetts media market so expect lots of national money in our race. Sure, we want dems to spend money and use manpower in Hawaii so they can't have it on the mainland. More important, we want a win. A win virtually assures us the majority in the US Senate. A win at the top of our ticket will help our local down-ticket races.

Stay involved, Oahu League members are a vital part of our Hawaii campaigns. Become a delegate to the State Convention at your district caucus in the next two weeks or contact your district chair and ask to be appointed as a state convention delegate. March 13 is the Presidential caucus. Our State convention is scheduled for May 12 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. This is an exciting year for Hawaii politics and an important year for America.

### Upcoming Luncheon Locations

March - Waikiki Yacht Club  
April - Waialae Country Club  
May - Hale Koa Hotel  
December - Waialae Country Club

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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