



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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Our MARCH meeting is all about our 1 ever PRESIDENTIAL caucus. DENNIS VAILLANCOURT, Oahu County Chair (& hubby of our 2nd VP Cindy) will inform us as to the process, where you go to vote (TUESDAY MARCH 13) and answer ALL your questions about the process.

In addition, we will have a representative from at least 3 of the current crop of candidates come to address us, and provide you with information on how you can get involved in the campaign of your choice. Currently we are scheduled to have:

FRED ROHLFING III, ESQ., FOR MITT ROMNEY, son of GOP state Senator Fred Rohlfing went to Punahou (not only Democrats go there) & graduated from Dartmouth College magna cum laude. He practices law with Case Lombardi & Pettit, concentrating on real property, environmental, unfair trade practices, insurance coverage, & profess'l negligence cases in state and federal courts. He has also served as counsel to the GOP minority in the Hawaii House of Representatives (1985) and Hawaii Senate (1995). He was appointed by Governor John D. Waihee to serve on the Hawaii Commission on Sexual Orientation and the Law (1994).

BONNIE WHARTON ON BEHALF OF NEWT GINGRICH.

Campaign Advisor for our own Ramsay Wharton for Congress; Political Consultant, Wash. D.C. , Repub. Gov. Assn.; Political Campaign Trainer Nat'l Federation of Republican Women, Alexandria, VA; Issues & Coalitions Analyst Bush-Quayle Campaign Headquarters, Wash, D.C; State Finance Chairman, "Jack Kemp for President"; member, Florida Kemp National Steering Committee

MIKE GRECO FOR RON PAUL

Mike Greco joined the Navy in '96 served out of Kaneohe Bay in Operation Desert Fox. Mike left the Navy in 2001, joined the Hawaii Army Natl Guard and UH Warrior Army ROTC & graduated from UHM with a degree in Finance. Mike's spent 2+ years at the Defense Intelligence Agency, focusing on terrorist threats. Mike is currently the Treasurer of the Aiea Neighborhood Board and started a small construction consulting firm, Greco Construction, Inc. Mike has recently filed to run for the Hawaii State Senate in 2012.

Kimo Sutton, OLRW Life members Anne Sutton and Beverly Toomey's son and brother respectively, has been recently identified as one of the Santorum reps in HI along with Mary Smart and Elizabeth Lyons.

SURPRISE GUEST SPEAKER ERIC GOLUB

Eric Golub is Brooklyn born, Long Island raised, and has lived in Los Angeles since 1990. He received his Bachelors degree from the University of Judaism in LA, and his MBA from USC. He has been a stockbrokerage professional since 1994. He began blogging on March 11th, 2007, and has been inflicting his world view on his unfortunate readers since then. He blogs about politics Monday through Friday and about football and other human-interest items on weekends. His blog, the Tygrrrr Express , won the 2007 Bloggers Choice Awards for most passionate fan base. He likes his terrorists the way he likes his taxes...dead. He currently has three fatwas against him: One from a Palestinian group, one from the Daily Kos, and one from the National Organization for Women. After years of dating liberals, he is currently dating a Republican. Both of their families are pleased about this.

March 2012

Luncheon / Meeting

March 1, 2012

Waikiki Yacht Club

11:00 A.M. Social Hour

11:30 A.M. Meeting

12:00 Noon Lunch

12:30 P.M. Speaker

Cost

23.00

Menu

Scallop Egg Drop Soup

Corned Beef & Cabbage

Rolls & Butter

Coffee, Tea or Iced Tea

Apple Pie

Reservations/Cancellations

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by **12 Noon, Thursday, February 23**. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved. No Shows will be charged for their lunch. Please -no walk-ins.



The President's Message

Many of you may have heard of the Challenges that were filed with the Rules Chair regarding the recent election at the State Committee meeting last month to fill the interim term of Brennon Muraoka who resigned early this year as the party's National Committeeman. The term goes through the National Convention at the end of August. No matter what the outcome of the Challenges, there has to be an election at our state convention in May to elect a National Committeeman whose term commences at the closure of the National Convention in Tampa and runs for 2 years. This man represents the Party, that is, all of us members, on the National Republican Committee. Those of us who filed these challenges take them very seriously. Rules exist for a reason. I ask you to seriously consider the issues I raised in my piece "Order of Chaos", which is reprinted herein, and was also sent out to you previously in an e-blast and to which was appended the Challenges themselves as a pdf document. These have also been posted to our website: olrw.org

Adrienne

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Rules, like Laws are made to govern behavior. People would get away with anything they could without some guiding principles. Remember the 10 Commandments? Christ actually reduced those 10 to 2, and we have millions of words written and lawyers up the ying yang to explain what those commandments mean. I understand this as I am a lawyer. I went to law school to learn how to explain the 10 Commandments. I know how lawyers try and argue their way out of situations with convoluted logic—except when confronted by another lawyer who points out that the emperor has no clothes on. How does this relate to us Republicans?

ON THE NATIONAL LEVEL

The Republican National Committee (RNC) passed a rule which stated that if any state, other than Iowa, New Hampshire, So. Carolina and Nevada, (INHSocN) held their presidential primary or caucus before the 1st Tuesday in March they did so at the cost of losing half of their national convention delegate authorization. Why did the RNC do this? To try and avoid candidates having to start campaigning well before and into the Christmas holidays. The mess of this seemingly never ending Republican primary fight was triggered by the Florida legislature, led by Republicans, moving their primary up to January 31. This was after Florida RNC members, i.e., their National Committeeman and Woman, and Party Chair participated in the unanimous RNC decision to adopt the rules punishing states who moved their primaries up. As a result INHSocN moved their caucuses up earlier in January, which resulted in moving up the entire campaigning season.

So, ok, Florida, you had your big day in the sun with your primary on January 31, but, as agreed by your own RNC members, you should now only get 50 instead of 100 delegates representing Florida at the National Convention. Oh, but now these Florida Republicans want to be exempted, want special treatment, want the rules manipulated or ignored so they get their full complement of 100 delegates at the convention, which, after all, will be held in Florida, in Tampa. So, will the RNC stick by its own rules and maintain order, or risk an even more chaotic 2016 nomination process beginning earlier in 2015? If you are getting tired of the never ending current presidential campaign, it will only get worse next time around if the RNC ignores its own rules and gives in to whatever is convenient to "maintain good will." (Continued on page 4)

2012 annual dues have increased to \$25

Lifetime membership dues are still \$200

Everything Political, with Willes Lee

Super ImPACT

When Republican attorney Jim Bopp took the Citizen's United argument to the Supreme Court there were only a handful of people paying attention. The Citizen's United decision paved the way for independent expenditure political action committees (PACs) which led to Super PACs. With the impact of Super PACs on the Presidential nominating process, everyone now has heard about them. An effective Super PAC is the most powerful political tool in modern political history.



There is always going to be money in elections. The Super PAC can accept unlimited contributions as a First Amendment right – the right of free expression.

Candidates are anything money allows them to be. In most elections, the candidate with the most funds wins. This could be because, by their checkbook commitment, more voters support that candidate. It may be because that candidate can spend to portray themselves in any way they need. However, a candidate can accept only a limited amount of funds from each donor.

McCain-Feingold **Campaign Finance reform restricted donations.** Bopp, and former Attorney General Ted Olsen, won the Citizen's United decision. The Supreme Court agreed that individuals, corporations and unions could donate unlimited funds for independent expenditures – spending that is not coordinated with the candidate. A donor can contribute an unlimited amount of funds and the donor's identity does NOT have to be revealed. Unlike funds in a political party, contributions can be earmarked to a specific candidate or issue. Funds can be used for the ground game – grassroots get out the vote activities – or the air game with commercials.

In politics, **money is influence.** Political parties recognize that much of their power to influence elections has shifted to the Super PACs. Super PACs are not going to voluntarily give it up. Many people are concerned that Super PACs will reduce the funds given to the parties to support election activities.

Both sides have them.

- ☐ Harry Reid endorses Majority PAC to promote leftist policies and liberal candidates. John Kerry and Nancy Pelosi endorse Super PACs.
- ☐ Obama this week reversed his position on Super PACs. Now, he is asking democrats to support progressive PACs.
- ☐ Best known Republican PACs are American Crossroads and Crossroads GPS.
- ☐ Major PACs supporting candidates include Romney's Restore Our Future, Gingrich's Winning Our Future, Santorum's The Red, White and Blue Fund, and Paul's Revolution PAC.

There are four **Hawaii Super PACs.**

- ☐ **Dems have three, Kauai Women's Caucus, Automated HealthCare Solutions, and MADPAC** Hawaii, none with funds to write about.
- ☐ The Republican Hawaii Solutions is wrestling with their ideology to determine which issues or candidates to support and, according to their Campaign Spending Commission report, has only \$200 to spend once they pay the PAC's leaders.

The **Republican Super PAC (RSPAC)** was founded by Bopp and two other RNC committee members. I represent RSPAC in Hawaii. Local representation is important because, as our top candidates rediscovered in 2010, what works on the mainland does not necessarily work in Hawaii. Different than other PACs, we ask donors to first give the maximum donation to the candidate, then to the party and then to contribute to RSPAC. We voluntarily release our donor list after an election activity is complete.

When you donate, please contribute to our own OLRW PAC. No matter the influence of a PAC, elections are won with votes. OL members are always our most involved of any organization in the party. You must contact your district chair to become a state delegate. **Be involved.**

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ON THE LOCAL LEVEL

The current Hawaii Republican Party (HRP) likes to treat its Rules as mere guidelines— to be ignored if too troublesome. For example:

- The Rules require an audit of the books every year and one hasn't been done in years, too bothersome, too expensive, no budget for it.
- The Rules require 4 State Committee meetings a year. We went a year and a half without even one. Too many meetings already.
- Motions to suspend the Rules because they were too inconvenient were made at the January 21st State Committee meeting. Fortunately, one person stood up and pointed out that only the delegates at a State Convention had the authority to change the Rules, unless specifically noted otherwise in the Rules. Drats!
- The Rules require 7 days notice before holding a precinct caucus. One house district held theirs without the required notice. No need to let folks know in advance, who cares?
- The Rules require each house district to hold an election every 2 years to serve on the Platform Committee. One district chair skipped having an election at their caucus meeting because "the Platform will not change this year." Really? Who decided that?
- The Rules require reference to only the Party's own list of members with addresses to determine residency and delegate eligibility. At a recent precinct caucus, this was ignored. The City and County's address book of precinct locations was used instead. After all, if they used the Party's list, they would have had to have an election because they had more people than slots, and besides, it had already decided who would be delegates. Since the people already chosen may not win if there was a vote, we can't have an election!
- The most egregious farce was made of the Rules at the recent State Committee meeting, at the election for National Committeeman. Not only the HRP Rules were flagrantly violated, but the special rules set forth by the Party Chair for this special election were ignored!! Well, that was too much for some of us. Five of us on the State Committee filed 4 formal challenges with Terry Thomason, Party Rules Chair. I was one of the 5 people who submitted a challenge. It is appended to this email and posted on our website. The challenge was also sent to Party Chair David Chang with this e-mail:

An invalid vote, submitted by a person not present in person, or by phone, whose alleged proxy was deemed invalid by the Party attorney, and whose "vote" was e-mailed several days before the election in violation of the rules set forth by you as Party Chair and the Executive Committee, was nonetheless allowed to be counted, without any authority to do so, and that vote was used to break the 30-30 tie. Because the election was decided by one vote, the allowance of this invalid vote cast doubt on the election and rendered the result void. I do not make this challenge lightly. I believe the integrity of our Hawaii Republican Party is at stake. We are either a Party that believes in the rule of law or not. There is no middle ground. We are either a Party of principle or not. There is no middle ground. We are either a Party of honor and fairness or not. There is no middle ground. Whatever Mr. Thomason recommends, you, as Party Chair "shall decide the challenge and make such rulings and orders necessary to accomplish the intent and purpose of the rules regarding elections." If the intent of the rules is to ensure open, honest, transparent and fair elections, where even the appearance of impropriety is to be avoided at all cost, your decision will be viewed in the same light.

Carol Thomas, immediate past President and current Treasurer of the Oahu League also filed a challenge when the Chair stated the fact that Dylan Nonaka allegedly had property in Hilo was enough to qualify him as a resident of the HD in Hilo whose proxy he held. The Party's list, you know the one that was ignored in later caucus elections, listed Nonaka as living in Kailua and he is not even a State Committee member. Carol's challenge is appended and posted. (continued on page 7)

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

Upcoming Luncheon Dates and Places

April 5th - Waialae Country Club
May 3rd - Hale Koa Hotel
December 6th - Waialae Country 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	



February Birthdays - Hau`oli La Hanau

March 1	Virginia Enos	March 15	Lois Miller	March 30	Sandra Johnston
March 5	P. Pasha Baker		Mimi Torreano		Terry McCabe
	Tracy Nakano Bean	March 16	Shirley Hasenyager		
March 6	Anne Keamo	March 17	Jerilyn Jeffryes		
March 7	Lee Champion	March 18	Kari Hofer		
March 8	Colleen Meyer		Betty Brandle		
March 9	Rep. Gene Ward	March 21	Allan Silva		
March 11	June R. Anderson	March 23	Erin Kealoha		
	Evelyn Cass		Norann Neet		
	Kitty Lagareta	March 25	Louise Fleming		
March 13	Sen. Sam Slom		Elwin Spray		
March 14	Joanne Bretschneider	March 27	Richard Lee Fale		
	Brennon Morioka		Marissa Capelouto		



February Luncheon Pictures



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Marian Grey, HD 18 Chair and East Honolulu Vice-Chair submitted a challenge that the House District (HD) 21 Chair could not give their proxy to the HD 31 Chair, Garner Shimizu. The Rules state you have to give the proxy to one from the body you represent. That body is your own HD, not the body of the State Committee. That challenge is appended and posted.

Chico Figueiredo, HD 24 Chair and Lisa Gapero HD 8 Chair (Maui) submitted a joint challenge to the allowance of HD 8's (Maui) proxy being given to Marcia Klompus, Party Treasurer on grounds that Mrs. Klompus does not live on Maui, much less HD 8, and hence is not allowed to exercise a proxy for those Republicans in HD 8, only another member of HD8 can exercise the proxy.

The whole point of the specific Rules is to insure that people are represented by those they elect or someone from their district. Makes sense no? But not if you want to make sure an election comes out a certain way. I made one challenge to the proxy of the College Republicans being given to HD 31 Chair Garner Shimizu on grounds that Garner was not a College Republican. That was a bit too obvious so the challenge was accepted and the proxy withdrawn. The same logic and Rules apply to the analysis of the other challenges unless one is trying to convince you the emperor has no clothes on.

I have been asked to withdraw my challenge. I am not the only one who has been asked to do this. We are told that it is we who are dividing the Party and we should just all get along and ignore all these unpleasant issues that just get in the way of progress, or someone else's agenda, or a perceived higher order of importance. I do not accept their blame for dividing the Party. I am not the one ignoring the Rules. I do not have it on my conscience.

I am encouraged that party members care enough to ask questions and confront those who should be enforcing the Rules, not bending them at the behest of others. If rules are not followed, then people rightfully feel cheated and leave the party out of disgust and indifference. Locally and nationally, members and the public are watching to see if Republicans do what Republicans say.

The RNC must enforce the rules and only award half the delegates for states which jumped too early in the nomination process. Our local HRP must establish its integrity and transparency, and end this chaos. Only then will donors and volunteers come forward to give money and time with confidence that we are a party of principle and the rule of law.

Our goal to support the Party to elect Republicans. That is not done by sacrificing our own integrity. There is no middle ground. Be involved! Ask questions. Don't be intimidated. The American Revolution was not won by those who gave up in the face opposition. The country is at a crossroads. So is our own HRP.

