



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

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May 2012

Luncheon / Meeting

May 3, 2012

Hale Koa Hotel

11:00 A.M. Social Hour

11:30 A.M. Meeting

12:00 Noon Lunch

12:30 P.M. Speaker

Cost

25.00

Menu

Hale Koa Salad

Sauteed Pork Loin Cutlets w/

Sundried Tomato Mushroom

Caper Sauce

Mashed Potatoes

Ginger Scented Broccoli,

Squash & Peppers

Assortment of Rolls

Strawberry Shortcake

Coffee or Tea

Reservations/Cancellations

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

Congressman Charles Djou

Congressman Charles Djou represented Hawai'i's First Congressional District from 2010 to 2011. He was a member of the House Budget Committee and the House Armed Services Committee.

Before entering the U.S. House, Congressman Djou served on the Honolulu City Council and in the Hawaii State House of Representatives, where he was Minority Floor Leader.

Congressman Djou is a Major in the U.S. Army Reserve. He is a combat veteran who served with the U.S. Army in Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan during the "surge" of coalition forces in 2011-2012. Congressman Djou deployed with the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Infantry Division at Forward Operating Base Pasab in Kandahar Province. Congressman Djou's military decorations include the Combat Action Badge and the Army Commendation Medal.

A child of immigrants, Congressman Djou's parents emigrated from China and Thailand. The former congressman grew up in Hawai'i. He graduated from Punahou School in Honolulu and the University of Pennsylvania earning degrees in Political Science and Economics from the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce. He received his juris doctor from the University of Southern California Law School.

The Congressman has taught at the University of Hawaii Richardson School of Law, the University of Hawaii West Oahu, and Hawaii Pacific University.

Congressman Djou is married to Stacey Kawasaki Djou. Born and raised in Hawaii, Stacey graduated from Kalani High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. An attorney, Stacey earned her law degree from the University of Hawaii, William S. Richardson School of Law. Together they raise their three children in Hawaii Kai.





The Pres Says...

WHO DO YOU COUNT?

Sounds simple enough, no? Just go house to house or now, we send out questionnaires, asking folks who live in each housing unit to write down how many people are living in the house, including babies. But we are not to include military, their dependents, or out-of-state students? Where does it say they are to be excluded? Section 1. Clause 3 of the United States Constitution states in pertinent part:

Representatives ...shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons (i.e. slaves, which was done to prevent the South, which had a large number of slaves, from having more representatives than the North, which had far fewer slaves). The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, ..

The military, their dependents, and students are “free Persons,” they are not Indians who are untaxed, and we don’t have slaves anymore. So, hmmm, why is it argued that they should be excluded from being counted to reapportion representation in the State Legislature? Because, the Hawaii Supreme Court said they are not “permanent residents” as required by the Hawaii State Constitution. Article 4. Section 6. of the Hawaii State Constitution states in pertinent part:

Upon the determination of the total number of members of each house of the state legislature to which each basic island unit is entitled, the commission shall apportion the members among the districts therein and shall redraw district lines where necessary in such manner that for each house the average number of permanent residents per member in each district....

After this decision by the Hawaii Supreme Court, six people, including State Rep. Mark Takai (D) and Andrew Walden, a Republican from the Big Island who ran our Republican presidential caucus election, filed suit in Hawaii Federal District Court stating that it is a violation of the 14th Amendment Equal Protection Clause of the United States Constitution to exclude these people. The suit also asserted that the apportionment per “each basic island unit” is also violative of the Equal Protection Clause as it “does not apportion seats in the state legislature on the basis of population” and this “results in districts that are not substantially equal in population statewide.” The suit asserts that “All persons within the jurisdiction of the state of Hawaii are entitled to be represented in the Hawaii legislature.” It is not an issue concerning only representatives to the U. S. Congress, but representatives in our state legislature. (continued on page 7)

2012 Dues may be paid online at 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

Everything Political, with Willes Lee

Watching the races unfold

Candidates seeking local and federal office are declaring their intentions. There are several places to watch to see what your favorite candidates have decided, how they are doing and who their opponents may be. Everything Political tells ‘where to look’ and in a later article will discuss “how they are doing.”



Each week, the State Office of Elections (OE) <http://hawaii.gov/elections/> updates the list of candidates who “pull” nomination papers, signifying their intent to run for office, and the candidates who return their papers, establishing their entry into the race. By office and party affiliation, the list shows federal, state and local candidates including OHA and School Board. You’ll see who has decided to run where and which Democrat or Republicans will face primary challenges. Closer to the June 5 deadline for filing nomination papers, the site is updated several times weekly and, eventually, daily. The reapportionment maps are on this site but they are hard to view. You can also see if the changed reapportionment lines put you in a different district. http://hawaii.gov/elections/reapportionment/2011_reapportionment_plan.

The State Campaign Spending Commission (CSC) oversees campaign finance for candidates running for state and local office. You can see who donates to candidates and where candidates spend your contributions. The website gives information for candidates <https://nc.csc.hawaii.gov/CFSPublic/ReportList.php> and for political action committees (PAC) <https://nc.csc.hawaii.gov/NCFSPublic/ReportList.php> which includes our own Oahu League of Republican Women. Between elections, the information is updated about semi-annually. The last reports were submitted on December 31 and the next candidate reports are due on June 30. Closer to the election, the information is updated more frequently.

For federal campaigns, finance information is at the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) site www.fec.gov. The information for the Hawaii Republican Party is updated monthly and most candidates submit their information quarterly. You’ll want to see from where donations come and how candidates use those contributions. Click <http://www.fec.gov/finance/disclosure/srssea.shtml> to begin your search for Hawaii’s summarized list. Closer to the election, candidates submit more frequently.

Finally, candidates and media sources release polling data as they become available. The polling increases as we get closer to the election. Candidates usually release information when it is favorable to their campaign. The news outlets, conservative or liberal, generally do the same. Some media sources publish candidate profiles and provide the questionnaires which candidates complete to inform the public of their background and positions.

At our luncheon, I told why this is a most important year to support our Oahu League PAC and what our PAC will do to help win Republican seats. You generously supported our PAC and can contribute here <http://oahuleague.org/olrw-pac>. OL currently has more funds available for electioneering than ANY other Republican organization. Finally, please become a delegate and come to our May 12 State Convention at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. Not only will the HRP have elections for National Committeeman and woman, approve our state party platform and introduce the HRP delegation to the national convention, but we will meet many of the candidates who you have been following using the information above. Please contribute to our PAC. Please come to the state convention. **GET INVOLVED.**

April Luncheon Pictures



Announcements & Birthdays

Mahalo

A big mahalo to the volunteers who make each luncheon great. Mahalo to Jane Au for the Butterfly Boxes and candy filled baskets and Carol Thomas and Lone Gumphier for the flower arrangements and to Helen Kekuna for the pictures in the newsletter.

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



May Birthdays - Hau`oli La Hanau



OLRW 100 Club

May Pat Saiki
May 2 Patrick Inouye
May 3 Bob Chung
May 6 Scherry Webb
May 9 Carol Thomas
May 14 Terry Thomason
May 19 Francese Gatlin
May 21 Willes Lee
May 22 Erm Gartley
May 23 Denise Kekuna
May 25 Lorrie Barker
May 26 Raymond Malloy
May 28 Aldene Smith
May 29 Darlene Iokepa
Pat Lohr

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



April Luncheon Pictures



The Pres Says Continued

Attorney Robert Thomas filed the suit. Hawaii U.S. District Judges J. Michael Seabright and Leslie E. Kobayashi are joined by U.S. Circuit Judge M. Margaret McKeown of San Diego to hear the complaint and the motion for a preliminary injunction is set for May 18. If the court grants the injunction, the State may well have big problems doing what needs to be done to comply with the August 11th primary date. New lines will probably have to be drawn. Don't assume that the court will accept reversion to the first lines drawn by the Reapportionment Commission, i.e., the lines drawn before the Hi. Supreme Court decision. The state Office of Elections already has been working under pressure to assign voters to precincts, and many candidates have no idea into what district they now may fall. The candidate filing deadline is June 5. This is not a Republican vs. Democrat issue, or a neighbor island vs O'ahu issue. This is the U.S. Constitution vs. the State of Hawaii Constitution. We know who usually wins those battles. Stay tuned for further updates.



May Day is Lei Day

