



O.L.R.W. Newsletter

Oahu League of Republican Women

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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.



October 2012

Luncheon / Meeting

October 4, 2012

Waialae Country Club

11:00 A.M. Social Hour

11:30 A.M. Meeting

12:00 Noon Lunch

12:30 P.M. Speaker

Cost

25.00

Menu

SALAD BAR

Island Greens and Dressings
Spinach Salad with Blue Cheese
and Pears
Fresh Fruit Platter
Pasta Salad Primavera

ENTREE

Braised Boneless Beef Short Ribs
with Red Wine Ume Sauce

STARCHES

Rice Pilaf
Mashed Potatoes

DESSERTS

Bread Pudding w/Vanilla Sauce
Chocolate Dobash Cake
Fresh Fruit Tartlets

Rolls, Butter, and Coffee and Tea

Reservations/Cancellations

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Reservations/Cancellations must be made by **Friday, September 28**. We are committed to pay for all lunches reserved. No Shows will be charged for their lunch. Please -no walk-ins.



The Pres Says...

The President's Message

We are focused on many election contests this year, especially our U. S. Senate race with Linda Lingle, U.S. House race with Charles Djou, and our non-partisan Mayor's race with rail as the defining issue. We are also intensely interested in the Presidential race, even though Hawaii, along with the majority of states, is not a player. The amount of money being spent on ads in the battleground states for President is overwhelming. I have believed for months that Romney would win, and big. I just refuse to believe that this country will vote to re-elect the current president. I learned about and reported last month that my belief was not without scientific support. (As a Biology major/Chem minor, I appreciate scientific proofs.) Two U. Colorado at Boulder professors devised an Electoral College prediction model, which has accurately called every presidential race since its inception in 1980. Their last prediction gave the race to Romney with 320 Electoral College votes. Their model is based on economic numbers, not from polling people. This week I e-mailed one of the profs involved and inquired when their latest update, based on September's economic numbers, would be released. He promptly wrote back that they expected to have the latest number issued in a press release the first week in October, which is also the week of the first debate. Anyone remember Truman vs Dewey? OK, I was alive, but too young to remember the event itself, but I do remember very well seeing the picture of a beaming re-elected Truman holding up a paper with pre-printed headlines "Dewey wins". This race is not over yet. Don't believe the leftist media. And, can someone tell me why the leftist media, the propaganda ministry of this administration, those 3 old, stale networks, those 2 low-ratings cable networks and the various financially troubled big newspapers are called "mainstream"? Maybe they mean the mainstream of the left fork. And why are the people left of the left of center, who slavishly support proven failed policies (think Russia, China, Cuba, for starters), whose idol's T-shirts are now only sold in head shops, in the U.S., nonetheless, called "progressives"? They are regressive throw backs to dictators, absolute monarchies, warlords, feudal lords, "supreme rulers", whatever. They do NOT represent progress in any sense of the word. Can we start calling them what they are? REGRESSIVES! Let's see if we can't start a nationwide correction by referring to them that way.

For our own state Senate and House races, we have a number of very attractive candidates, several of whom are elected officials running again, a couple who were in office and have jumped back in, many who have run before and are going for it again, and some totally new candidates. Reps. Gene Ward and Cynthia Thielen have been automatically elected, having had no opposition, either in the primary or the upcoming general. In spite of the poor economy, many of us have managed to come up with money to donate to various candidates individually, or to our own Oahu League Political Action Committee (PAC) which, thanks to your generosity, this year had, correct me if I'm wrong, more money than ever before, a little over \$10,000!

Your Board met after the September meeting and agreed to donate the following amounts to the candidates listed below from our PAC. We agreed to maintain past practice and retain about \$2000 for the next election cycle in 2014. We gave out a total of \$8150 this cycle. Note, as a state PAC, we are prohibited from giving to those running for federal offices, i.e. U.S. Senate and House.

SENATE RACES

Dist. 9 Sen. Sam Slom	\$1000
Dist. 25 Fred Hemmings	\$1000
Dist. 23 Colleen Meyer	\$1000
Dist. 20 Dean Capelouto	\$250
Dist. 16 Mike Greco	\$200
Dist. 12 Liz Larson	\$200

HOUSE RACES

Dist. 27.Rep. Corrine Ching	\$1000	Dist. 36 Beth Fukamoto	\$300
Dist. 31 Rep. Aaron Johanson	\$500	Dist. 45 Lauren Cheape	\$300
Dist. 42 Marissa Capelouto	\$500	Dist. 32 Garner Shimizu	\$200
Dist. 18 Jeremy Low	\$500	Dist. 19 Darrell Young	\$200
Dist. 28 Carole Kaapu	\$500	Dist. 33 Sam Kong	\$100
Dist. 20 Julia Allen	\$300	Dist. 26 Tiffany Au	\$100

Ballots will begin to be cast well before "election day", November 6, as absentee ballots will be going out early October. Walk in early voting begins the last week in October.

See you Thursday, November 1, when Fritz Rohlfing will speak at our luncheon and give us the last update on the Presidential race. My husband and I will be in California the first week in October for a long planned trip and hope to meet up again with a friend I made who was a delegate with me to the National Convention in Minnesota in 2008.

HELP THE CANDIDATE IN YOUR DISTRICT.

Everything Political, with Willes Lee

1440

There are 60 days until America decides whether we continue to become a society which is subservient to government or we reestablish ourselves as free citizens.

Sixty days, two months. 1440 hours.

It is time to ramp up your effort, to go and win the election. The Democrats are not going to lose the election. We must win it. The Democrats are not going to stay home and not vote. We need to vote. This year, not one of us can count on someone else to win this election for us.

It is no longer simply cliche to proclaim that November 6 is the most important election in your lifetime. The November decision is the most important of our lives, and those of our children and grandchildren. You may not be able to influence the outcome of the Presidential election in Hawaii but you can influence the direction of our nation.

We know what will happen in Hawaii. Obama says Hawaii is his birthplace and voters cast votes for their 'local boy.' I don't agree on voting that way, but Republicans also do it. No sweat. It won't always be this way, a Democrat winning our electoral votes, but it is this year. Reagan won the state years ago and we'll someday do it again. That doesn't mean we can't win this election for Romney-Ryan.

Please go to www.mittromney.com/action/fundraise and donate. More valuable, sign up to help raise money. Any amount of money. It all makes a difference. Go look. It just isn't that difficult. The more donors, regardless of amount, the more energy for the campaign.

With respect to our men, go to www.mittromney.com.coalitions/women-for-mitt and sign up. Two weeks ago, Romney-Ryan announced the women's coalition led by Ann Romney and a host of others. Join them. Just like our Oahu League, men can sign up.

Another site for current information that is associated with Romney's campaign is www.womenforromney2012.wordpress.com.

Especially critical is voter contact. Hawaii Republicans helping states where the vote could determine the winner is not something new. But, it has never been so easy. This is crucial, equally as important as your financial donation. Go to www.mittromney.com and sign up to make calls into battle ground states. ANYONE can do this from HOME. Easiest and most effective because of the time difference is calls into Nevada and Colorado. Ohio, Virginia and Florida are also important.

For comprehensive information, join RNC Women at www.gop.com/coalition-support.

This is too important an election to leave anything to chance. You absolutely MUST vote. However, this is an important year. It is not good enough for you to simply vote. You must take responsibility to get your mainland family, friends, neighbors and associates to vote. That is our responsibility to our country. Of all that we have accomplished, we need to step forward and step up THIS YEAR. You know that I am a West Pointer and veteran, a former State Party chair and RNC member. Yet, none of that is for me as important as getting out the vote this year. What we have done in the past pales in importance to the most important tasks of this year. Vote and get others to vote.

Locally, our Oahu League of Republican Women PAC is soon to distribute funds to candidates. It is not too late to contribute at <http://oahuleague.org/olrw-pac>. We have several candidates who are competitive, many more whom we appreciate for having run for office under the Republican banner. The PAC Board is determining how to distribute our available funds. Please appreciate their difficult work and all that has been accomplished with our PAC this year. While you are at it, reflect on your support and contributions to our PAC and know that your OL leadership appreciates you.

There is a lot of work to do in 60 days, only 1440 hours. Romney-Ryan can win. But, only with your help. We can do this. We can put our country back on track.

Get involved. Go. Win.



Preliminary List of Names Submitted to the Election Committee

Additional Names Being Accepted

“Breaking news from your Election Committee comprised of Nancy Gallagher, Chairwoman (947-1513) and members Golden Davis (944-6633), Ione Gumphier (262-9788), Gladys Hayes (737-0071) and Cindy Vaillancourt (954-2797).”

The following OLRW members are candidates for the Board:

President -- Adrienne King and Carol Thomas

1st Vice President -- Marissa Capelouto and Pam Smith

2nd Vice President -- Sylvia Lewis and Celyn Chong Kee

Treasurer -- Kaipo Adachi

Recording Secretary -- Beverly Toomey and George Kekuna

Corresponding Secretary -- Jane Au

Any others wishing to be a candidate for the OLRW Board, please speak to me or call me.

You may also speak to any of the Election Committee members at their numbers listed above .

Additional candidates' names will be noted in the November newsletter if we receive those names before that newsletter goes to print, on or about October 15th.

Mahalo,

Nancy Gallagher

NOTE: Our By laws do allow for nominations from the floor at the Christmas party.



Adrienne with Ann Romney

Adrienne attended the Western States Leadership Conference in Las Vegas earlier this year and went to a “Women’s Luncheon” where Ann Romney was the main speaker. Other speakers included the head of the National Federation of Republican Women. Adrienne noted that “I thought Ann was absolutely fantastic. Mitt should let her do all the talking. I really got a sense of Mitt from her..that he is, at his core, a most decent, caring man and can be trusted to always do the right thing for the country. She conveyed the deep sense that he is running, not for his own glory, but because he cares so much about the future of the country. She was very impressive, warm and approachable. She would make a first lady of whom we could be most proud to represent this county as she has always been most proud of this country. I came away with a deeper respect for Mitt. “

Announcements & Birthdays

Upcoming Luncheons

November - Hale Koa Hotel

December - OLRW Elections & Country Bake Sale

Mahalo to our OLRW Volunteers

HRP HQS
Helene Webster

LINGLE HQS
Terri & Frank Henrion
Maria Smith
Darlene Iokepa
Sylvia Lewis
Kari Akini
Carole Cruze
Jeanette Templeman
Edna Fujiwara
Janice Pechauer

DARRELL YOUNG CAMPAIGN TEAM
Jerilyn Jeffryes, Campaign Manager
Carol Thomas, Treasurer
Mark Webster, Graphics Design
Jane Au, Events

DARRELL YOUNG BIRTHDAY BASH
Jerilyn Young
Carol Thomas
Ione Gumpfer
Helene Webster
Kaumaka Wong

CHARLES DJOU CAMPAIGN
Kaumaka Wong
Helene & Mark Webster

SAM SLOM'S VOLUNTEERS
Willes Lee
Julia Allen
Pam Smith
Adrienne King

If we've missed you, please know that you are greatly appreciated by each campaign and candidate

We will be collecting for the The Food Basket again this year. Information to follow.

October Birthdays Hau`oli La Hanau

Linda Smith

Oct 2 Maile Anderson

Oct 4 Jane Butler
Tessie Lilker

Oct 5 Kay Ahina

Oct 6 Carolyn Baldwin
Bonnie Kalberer

Oct 7 Nolan Kido

Oct 8 Helen Kekuna

Oct 11 Larry Butler
Carol Kawanakoa
Dana Pagalaboyd

Oct 12 Harriet Gray

Oct 14 Evelyn Souza

Oct 15 Michelle Stewart

Oct 19 Fred Gartley

Oct 21 Lynne Shanahan

Oct 22 Gail Kanagusuku

Oct 24 Charlotte Flynt
Anne Sutton

Oct 25 Betty Robinson

Oct 26 Nancy Gallagher

Oct 27 Charles Underwood



OLRW 100 Club

Jane Au
Faith Badeaux
Loren Butler
Jane Butler
Evelyn Cass
Golden Wheelden Davis
Miriam Hellreich
Margery Jenkins
Anne Keamo
George Kekuna
Helen Kekuna
Adrienne King
Teresita Lilker

Pat Lohr
Nancy Lynn
Beverly Meiers
Camille Neves
Ethel O'Neil
Janice Pechauer
Cynthia Rosebrough
Anne Sutton
Jeanette Templeman
Carol Thomas
Kay Thompkins
Bev Toomey
Mimi Torreano
Kathleen Watson

September Luncheon Pictures



NO TO TAX INCREASES: YES TO BUDGET CUTS

Fred Hemmings

The Tax Review Commission hired a Mainland company to perform a review of Hawaii taxes and make recommendations. The PFM Group's recommendations on ways to raise taxes are insulting. Hawaii citizens already rank among the highest taxed in the nation. Hawaii's taxes are regressive and cruel. The PFM Group recommended raising taxes in numerous ways. The most insidious recommendation is to raise the General Excise Tax. The GE tax is extremely regressive. It hurts the poor the most. It is important to note that the GE tax is deceptive. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii estimates that if you replace the GE tax with an across the board sales tax, that sales tax would have to be approximately 10%. The GE tax adds approximately 10% to the cost of goods and services in Hawaii. The GE tax is levied on income from all financial transactions, whether it is a doctor, merchant or individual trying to eke out a living as an independent contractor. Hawaii even taxes the hungry and sick because the GE tax is levied on food and medical care.

While in the Senate, I voted against the .5% GE tax increase authorization to build the expensive rail. It has been reported that just the .5% tax increase in 2011 took approximately \$220 million from the working men, women and businesses of Oahu. That money could have paid bills and created real jobs.

Other recommendations from the PMF Group betray common sense and fair play. We must shift the entire discussion from raising taxes to reducing government spending. Several of us in previous legislative sessions voted against bloated budgets. There are numerous examples of wasteful, inefficient, and unfortunately fraudulent spending in state government. It is also important to note Hawaii citizens' suffer from the highest income tax rates in the nation.

Eliminating needless government spending and cutting taxes will help all taxpayers and the economy. Budget cuts could come in areas such as the state medical hospital system where patients pay twice; once for services then once again through tax subsidies we all pay. Years ago there was a proposal by physicians to build a private hospital on Maui to compete against the state owned Maui Memorial hospital. That proposal was turned down by the State. Talk about a conflict of interest. Millions could be saved annually by privatizing certain state hospitals and other Government services. Hawaii's entitlement programs such as food stamps through EBT cards and MedQUEST eligibility requirements allow for individuals with significant assets to collect free food and medical care. That is because eligibility is based on earned income, it does not fairly index assets such as home and car. The Dept. of Education continues to be a fiscal sink hole with no accountability and stagnating results.

These are just three big ticket items. How much did taxpayers pay for the inane report by the PFM group? There are many areas where conscientious legislators could reduce government spending. This debate is the foundation of not only Hawaii's problems but the nation's as well. We must reduce Government spending and return the taxpayer's hard earned money through tax cuts not debate ways to raise taxes.

WE can diversify our economy and make Hawaii more affordable. The choice is clear.

